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With the arrival of eight lakh Covishield doses, the Health Department is organising a mega vaccination mela in all districts on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. People can get vaccinated for free in all government vaccination centres. » Page 5

VISP may be on its last legs

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Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISP) at Bhadravati may be on its last legs. According to its employees, the board of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has taken a decision to close the VISP unit. » Page 6

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We did not wait, did what was right to help Sri Lanka: Jaishankar

This is a reassertion of our policy of 'neighbourhood first', he says after India's support for the island nation's debt restructuring programme

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe in Colombo on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

India did not wait for other bilateral creditors but did "what is right" for Sri Lanka's economic recovery, visiting External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Friday, after talks with Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe in Colombo.

"We felt strongly that Sri Lanka's creditors must take proactive steps to facilitate its recovery. India decided not to wait for others but to do what we believe is right. We extended financing assurances to the IMF to clear the way for Sri Lanka to move forward," he said, adding that the decision was a reassertion of India's policy of 'neighbourhood first'.

On January 16, India sent written financing assurances to the International Monetary Fund, becoming the first bilateral creditor of the island nation to officially support its crucial debt restructuring programme after last year's economic meltdown. The IMF's provisional $2.9 billion package will be cleared only after Sri Lanka's official creditors – China, Japan and India – have provided adequate financing assurances.

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Chargesheets need not be put in public domain: SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday held the state is not obliged to provide the public free access to chargesheets by uploading them on police or government websites.

A Bench of Justices M.R. Shah and C.T. Ravikumar declared chargesheets "private documents".

Journalist Saurav Das, represented by Prashant Bhushan, had referred to the court's 2016 decision in the Youth Bar Association of India case, which had directed copies of FIRs to be posted within 24 hours of their registration on police or government websites. Putting chargesheets in the public domain would enhance transparency in the criminal justice system, Mr. Bhushan had argued.

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AI fined ₹30 lakh, pilot suspended over mid-air urination row

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Friday imposed a fine of ₹30 lakh on Air India and suspended the licence of a pilot-in-command for three months for their failure to report to the regulator the incident involving Shankar Mishra, who urinated on a woman co-traveller during a New York-New Delhi flight in November.

The airline has been slapped with the penalty because of its failure to comply with the Civil Aviation Requirement, or DGCA rules, on the handling of unruly passengers.

According to the rules, it should have reported the incident to the regulator and formed an internal committee to probe the matter. The pilot's licence has been suspended as per Rule 141 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 which holds the pilot-in-command responsible for directing the crew to properly discharge their duties during the flight, as well as being in charge of the passengers' safety and flight discipline.

The DGCA had earlier issued show-cause notices to 20 AI crew after the urination case.

The aviation regulator has also imposed a fine of ₹3 lakh on the director of in-flight services, who is in charge of the cabin crew as well as responsible for reporting in-flight incidents, a senior DGCA official said.

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Cabinet nod for regularisation of unauthorised quarrying beyond allotted area

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a controversial move, the State Cabinet on Friday decided to allow regularisation of unauthorised quarrying undertaken by licence holders beyond their allotted area.

However, land proportionate to the overstepped area would be withdrawn from the actual allocation in the licence, so that the total does not exceed the allocated quantum of land, according to Law Minister J. C. Madhuswamy.

Briefing mediapersons after the Cabinet meeting, the Minister said there were many cases where quarry licence holders had taken up operations in adjacent areas due to "lack of information" on their boundary.

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Wipro, Swiggy together fire 832 employees in a day

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two home-grown companies, Wipro and Swiggy, together let go of 832 of their employees on a single day on Friday, triggering fears of more job losses in the city in the coming months.

Wipro Ltd said it was letting some 452 of their fresh recruits go after they "repeatedly performed poorly in post training assessments". The evaluation included assessments to align employees with the business objectives of the firm and requirements of its clients, Wipro said.

Swiggy, a food delivery app, too, on Friday laid off 380 of its staff as part of a "restructuring exercise".

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The Napoli sharpshooter coveted by England's heavy-hitters

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> To get to where I am today, there were a lot of obstacles, a lot of hate, backstabbing; my success came with love, pain, tears, failures, things like that
>
> **VICTOR OSIMHEN**

Victor Osimhen has conquered adversity and become one of the world's most dangerous strikers. Several Premier League clubs are keeping tabs on him, but the Nigerian is focused at the moment on gifting Naples its first Scudetto in more than 30 years

Reuters
Agence France-Presse

Victor Osimhen was 16 when he first caught the football world's eye.

In front of scouts from clubs such as Liverpool, Chelsea, Bayern Munich and Juventus, the young Nigerian forward put on a show of irresistible brilliance at the 2015 Under-17 World Cup in Chile. He scored a tournament-record 10 goals to power Nigeria to the title.

The performance won him the Golden Boot and Silver Ball awards and Africa's Youth Player of the Year award for 2015. It also enabled him to sign a pre-contract with German club Wolfsburg in January 2016, paving the way for a career in Europe.

Seven years later, he has Napoli dreaming of a first Serie A title in more than three decades. Widely regarded as one of the world's most dangerous strikers, the 24-year-old is being wooed by Europe's biggest clubs; the most attention is coming from the Premier League, where his athleticism, determination, skill and hardiness are highly coveted qualities.

> Great striker, I think he can be the best in the world. When you have the talent he has got, it's just a matter of time
>
> **DIDIER DROGBA**

Struggle for survival

Osimhen's story is an inspirational tale of triumph over adversity. He lost his mother when he was very young – he doesn't remember the year – and three months later, his father lost his job. Cleaning his landlord's gutters and selling bottled water in the middle of traffic in Lagos to help his family make ends meet, the young boy would visit the neighbouring landfill with friends on weekends to look through the refuse for old football shoes.

"We saw it as a game but when you think about it ... it was always a fight. Sometimes you found a Nike on the right foot and then you start looking for the other foot ... And finally, you find the left foot and it's a Reebok! It was survival. Part of my life has been a struggle to survive. But that's all I am today in the end. It's hard to classify all that but each event has created my personality," Osimhen told France Football.

His early days in Europe were incredibly challenging, as well. The teenager struggled for game-time at Wolfsburg, attended summer trials in Belgium and was rejected by two clubs, before eventually securing a loan to Charleroi. He had failed to score in any of his 16 appearances for Wolfsburg – although, to be fair, he averaged just a little over 20 minutes per appearance – and so his stint in Charleroi was make-or-break.

Fortunately, Osimhen's talent found expression when allowed consistent minutes. His 20 goals in 36 appearances played a big part in earning a move to French club Lille, where he spent an 18-goal season (38 games).

His performance in Ligue 1, not to mention his potentially high ceiling, compelled Napoli to fork out a reported 70 million euros for the signature of the then 21-year-old. It was an incredible high-stakes punt – it has since been investigated for possible false accounting in Italy – but the move has paid off for both club and player.

"To get to where I am today, there were a lot of obstacles, a lot of hate, backstabbing; my success came with love, pain, tears, failures, things like that," Osimhen said.

Although his time at Wolfsburg was frustrating, he found someone who recognised his talent and helped him understand what it takes to be a goal-scorer.

"I often think of Mario Gomez," Osimhen told Il Mattino. "At Wolfsburg, it wasn't easy and not only because of the climate. It was the first experience away from home, practically in another world. And Mario stopped with me at every training session. He gave me suggestions, to tell me what to do in order not to make mistakes. He trusted me. And I said to myself: if someone as important and good as he wastes time with someone like me, it means that he sees something in you that maybe I haven't seen yet. That helped me make the key step in my career."

A striker's striker

Gomez, who scored more than 300 goals in his career, may have been the first top-class striker to appreciate Osimhen's ability, but he now has company. Inter Milan's Romelu Lukaku called the Nigerian the top centre-forward in Serie A. Former Chelsea goal-machine Didier Drogba, one of Osimhen's idols, thought the 24-year-old could become the best in the world.

They have good reasons for their opinions: after scoring 10 and 14 goals in his first two Serie A seasons, Osimhen, so far, is the 2022-23 capocannoniere (the season's top-scorer) in spite of missing time injured! His 12 goals in 14 games have been a mix of towering headers and deft finishes, showcasing his bravery, touch and movement.

His massive vertical leap makes him an aerial monster, but it's his fearlessness to go for the ball that allows him to be so effective – this despite fracturing his eye socket after a clash of heads in late 2021, which has led to him wearing a protective carbon-fibre mask on the field.

> The potential he has is scary. He has the pace, the skill, the courage and physicality to deal with [challenging] situations
>
> **LUCIANO SPALLETTI**
> Napoli coach

Committed to the cause

"Osimhen is such a great striker. The potential he has is scary," Napoli coach Luciano Spalletti said after the 5-1 demolition of Juventus last weekend, in which Osimhen scored two and assisted one. "He has the pace, the skill, the courage and physicality to deal with [challenging] situations. After all, he smashed his face a couple of times because he goes for every ball."

It's no wonder Premier League clubs are keeping tabs on him. Manchester United has reportedly shown the most interest, but Napoli values him at a whopping 140 million euros.

Osimhen isn't thinking of leaving just yet. He feels at home in Naples and shares a strong bond with the fans. Black footballers continue to suffer racism in certain parts of Italy – Osimhen has been subjected to racist slurs in some away stadiums – but at Napoli, he said, he has found a "welcoming, understanding place" where he has "never felt anything discriminatory".

For now, all that matters to Osimhen is gifting the city he loves a dream – its first Scudetto since 1990, when Napoli clinched the Serie A title at the tail end of Diego Maradona's reign in Naples. "The road is still long, we care less about other teams," Osimhen said, with his side nine points clear at the top after 18 games. "We want to continue to do well, carry out the coach's instructions. And of course at the end of the season I think we have a good chance."

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,820	17
2	Rafael Nadal	36	5,770	14
3	Casper Ruud	24	5,720	24
4	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	5,715	23
5	Novak Djokovic	35	5,070	15
6	Andrey Rublev	25	3,930	25
7	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	3,895	26
8	Daniil Medvedev	26	3,860	21
9	Taylor Fritz	25	3,545	22
10	Holger Rune	19	2,876	27
11	Hubert Hurkacz	25	2,860	21
12	Cameron Norrie	27	2,680	24
13	Alexander Zverev	25	2,560	18
14	Matteo Berrettini	26	2,490	19
15	Pablo Carreno Busta	31	2,420	24

Top Indians ▶

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 339 ▲ 4 spots

Sasikumar Mukund
Rank 397 ▼ 3 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	11,025	17
2	Ons Jabeur	28	5,140	18
3	Jessica Pegula	28	5,000	17
4	Caroline Garcia	29	4,415	22
5	Aryna Sabalenka	24	4,340	20
6	Maria Sakkari	27	3,921	22
7	Coco Gauff	18	3,762	18
8	Daria Kasatkina	25	3,500	23
9	Veronika Kudermetova	25	2,800	21
10	Belinda Bencic	25	2,735	20
11	Danielle Collins	29	2,388	15
12	Simona Halep	31	2,381	14
13	Madison Keys	27	2,318	19
14	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,255	24
15	Petra Kvitova	32	2,221	19

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 258 ▲ 2 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 270 ▼ 3 spots

English Premier League Standings

#	TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Arsenal	18	15	2	1	42	14	28	47
2	Man. City	19	13	3	3	50	20	30	42
3	Man. United	19	12	3	4	30	22	8	39
4	Newcastle	19	10	8	1	33	11	22	38
5	Tottenham	20	10	3	7	39	31	8	33
6	Fulham	20	9	4	7	32	29	3	31
7	Brighton	18	9	3	6	35	25	10	30
8	Brentford	19	7	8	4	32	28	4	29
9	Liverpool	18	8	4	6	34	25	9	28
10	Chelsea	19	8	4	7	22	21	1	28
11	Aston Villa	19	7	4	8	22	27	-5	25
12	Crystal Palace	19	6	5	8	18	27	-9	23
13	Forest	19	5	5	9	15	34	-19	20
14	Leeds United	18	4	5	9	26	33	-7	17
15	Leicester City	19	5	2	12	26	33	-7	17
16	Wolves	19	4	5	10	12	27	-15	17
17	Bournemouth	19	4	4	11	18	41	-23	16
18	West Ham	19	4	3	12	15	25	-10	15
19	Everton	19	3	6	10	15	26	-11	15
20	Southampton	19	4	3	12	17	34	-17	15

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	16	13	2	1	35	6	29	41
2	Real Madrid	16	12	2	2	36	16	20	38
3	Real Sociedad	17	11	2	4	26	18	8	35
4	Atletico Madrid	17	8	4	5	24	16	8	28
5	Villarreal	17	8	4	5	20	13	7	28
6	Real Betis	16	8	4	4	19	13	6	28
7	Osasuna	17	8	3	6	17	16	1	27
8	Athletic Bilbao	17	7	5	5	25	17	8	26
9	Rayo Vallecano	17	7	5	5	24	20	4	26
10	Real Mallorca	17	6	4	7	14	16	-2	22
11	Girona	17	5	6	6	26	27	-1	21
12	Valencia	16	5	4	7	23	18	5	19
13	Almeria	17	5	3	9	18	26	-8	18
14	Espanyol	17	3	8	6	21	26	-5	17
15	Getafe	17	4	5	8	16	24	-8	17
16	Celta Vigo	17	4	5	8	17	28	-11	17
17	Real Valladolid	17	5	2	10	13	25	-12	17
18	Cadiz	17	3	7	7	12	28	-16	16
19	Sevilla	17	3	6	8	17	26	-9	15
20	Elche	17	0	5	12	11	35	-24	5

Italian Serie A Standings

#	TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Napoli	18	15	2	1	44	14	30	47
2	AC Milan	18	11	5	2	35	20	15	38
3	Juventus	18	11	4	3	27	12	15	37
4	Inter Milan	18	12	1	5	38	24	14	37
5	Lazio	18	10	4	4	31	15	16	34
6	Atalanta	18	10	4	4	34	20	14	34
7	Roma	18	10	4	4	23	16	7	34
8	Udinese	18	6	7	5	26	21	5	25
9	Torino	18	6	5	7	18	20	-2	23
10	Fiorentina	18	6	5	7	21	24	-3	23
11	Bologna	18	6	4	8	23	29	-6	22
12	Empoli	18	5	7	6	16	22	-6	22
13	Monza	18	6	3	9	22	27	-5	21
14	Lecce	18	4	8	6	18	20	-2	20
15	Spezia	18	4	6	8	17	28	-11	18
16	Salernitana	18	4	6	8	23	35	-12	18
17	Sassuolo	18	4	4	10	17	28	-11	16
18	Verona	18	2	3	13	15	31	-16	9
19	Sampdoria	18	2	3	13	8	31	-23	9
20	Cremonese	18	0	7	11	13	32	-19	7

German Bundesliga Standings

#	TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	15	10	4	1	49	13	36	34
2	SC Freiburg	15	9	3	3	25	17	8	30
3	RB Leipzig	15	8	4	3	30	21	9	28
4	Eintracht	15	8	3	4	32	24	8	27
5	Union Berlin	15	8	3	4	24	20	4	27
6	Dortmund	15	8	1	6	25	21	4	25
7	Wolfsburg	15	6	5	4	24	20	4	23
8	M'gladbach	15	6	4	5	28	24	4	22
9	Werder	15	6	3	6	25	27	-2	21
10	Mainz	15	5	4	6	19	24	-5	19
11	Hoffenheim	15	5	3	7	22	22	0	18
12	Leverkusen	15	5	3	7	25	26	-1	18
13	Cologne	15	4	5	6	21	29	-8	17
14	FC Augsburg	15	4	3	8	18	26	-8	15
15	Hertha Berlin	15	3	5	7	19	22	-3	14
16	Stuttgart	15	3	5	7	18	27	-9	14
17	Bochum	15	4	1	10	14	36	-22	13
18	Schalke	15	2	3	10	13	32	-19	9

Test Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Marnus Labuschagne	929	937
2	Steve Smith	892	947
3	Babar Azam	862	882
4	Travis Head	841	841
5	Joe Root	826	923
6	Kane Williamson	810	919
7	Rishabh Pant	797	801
8	Usman Khawaja	770	779
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782
10	Rohit Sharma	732	813

Test Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Pat Cummins	878	914
2	James Anderson	835	903
3	Jasprit Bumrah	812	835
4	R. Ashwin	812	904
5	Ollie Robinson	805	805
6	Shaheen Afridi	787	836
7	Kagiso Rabada	776	902
8	Kyle Jamieson	772	836
9	Mitchell Starc	749	806
10	Josh Hazlewood	733	863

ODI Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	887	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	766	796
3	Quinton de Kock	759	813
4	Virat Kohli	750	911
5	David Warner	747	880
6	Imam-ul-Haq	740	815
7	Kane Williamson	721	799
8	Steve Smith	719	752
9	Jonny Bairstow	710	796
10	Rohit Sharma	704	885

ODI Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Trent Boult	730	775
2	Josh Hazlewood	727	733
3	Mohammed Siraj	685	685
4	Mitchell Starc	665	783
5	Rashid Khan	659	806
6	Adam Zampa	655	655
7	Shakib Al Hasan	652	717
8	Matt Henry	643	691
9	Shaheen Afridi	641	688
10	Mustafizur Rahman	638	695

T20I Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Suryakumar Yadav	908	908
2	Mohammad Rizwan	836	875
3	Devon Conway	788	831
4	Babar Azam	778	896
5	Aiden Markram	748	796
6	Dawid Malan	719	915
7	Glenn Phillips	699	703
8	Rilee Rossouw	693	693
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Alex Hales	655	866

T20I Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Rashid Khan	698	816
2	Wanindu Hasaranga	695	797
3	Adil Rashid	692	746
4	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
5	Sam Curran	688	688
6	Tabraiz Shamsi	681	821
7	Adam Zampa	678	743
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	677	745
9	Anrich Nortje	659	695
10	Maheesh Theekshana	643	680

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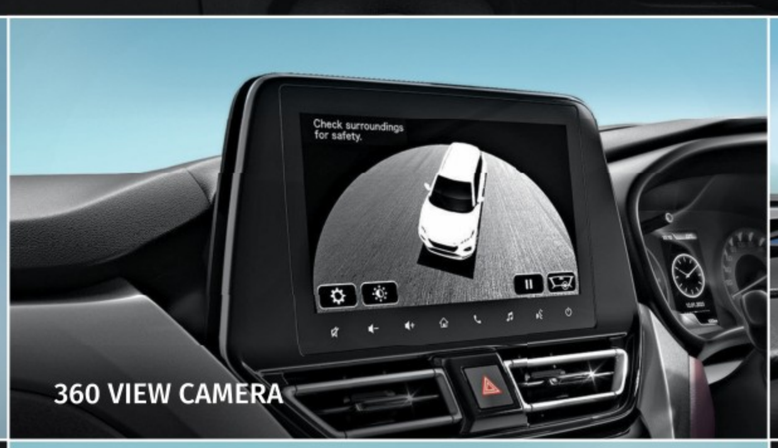

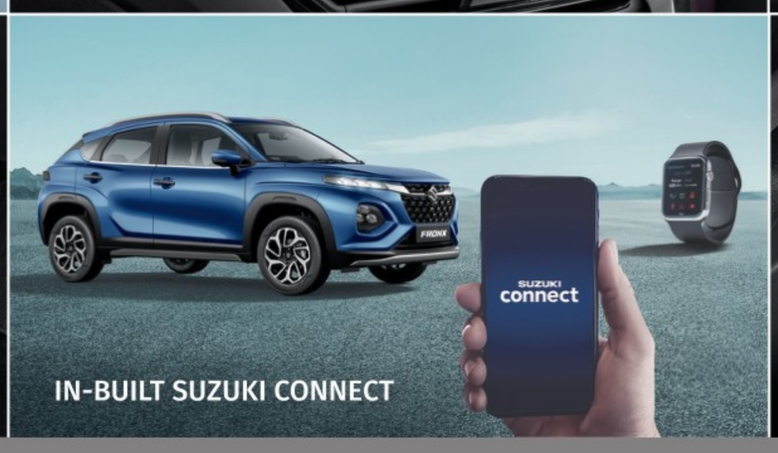

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₹70L, not ₹10L: Police get a jolt after robbery case is cracked

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kalasipalya police, who cracked a recent robbery case and arrested a gang of robbers, ended up recovering more money than what was alleged to have been stolen.

Varun Singh Panwar, working at a shop dealing in wholesale supply of gold to smaller jewellery stores, lodged a complaint on January 10 that while he was returning to his shop, robbers on two bikes waylaid him on Nala Road, Kalasipalya, by faking an accident. They grabbed his bag containing ₹10 lakh and fled, he alleged.

The police tracked down the robbers – Mohammed Jilan, 27, Abdul Wahab, 35, and Pruthvik, 20, and arrested them.

Mohammed Jilan was working as a salesman at a readymade garments shop, next to one of the jewellery stores that Panwar was supplying gold to and collecting money from regularly. Jilan, who used to see the regular money transaction, conspired with associates to rob Panwar, the probe revealed.

Though the complainant alleged that ₹10 lakh was robbed, the police said that around ₹70 lakh was stolen from Panwar. The victim had under-reported the loss, since much of the money was not accounted for in the books. They recovered ₹31 lakh from Mohammed Jilan, ₹27 lakh from Abdul Wahab, and ₹4 lakh from Pruthvik, totalling ₹62 lakh. They suspect that another person, who is still at large, has the remaining ₹8 lakh.

Man who faked robbery held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Chamarajpet police have arrested a person who faked a robbery and lodged a complaint alleging a gang of robbers attacked him and fled with ₹10 lakh, which he had instead swindled under the garb of a robbery.

Moolaram, who runs a shoe shop, was tasked with collecting money from multiple shopkeepers and handing it over to moneylender Ramesh. On January 13, he went to the police station with injuries on his arms and alleged a gang of robbers had snatched the bag with ₹10 lakh cash.

However, the police grew suspicious of Moolaram. He spilled the beans that he had suffered huge losses in his business and so he faked the robbery. He led the police to the ₹10 lakh he had hidden in the godown of his shoe shop.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients **Sri. D. Balasundhram and Smt. Shrivyshnavi,** hereby informs the general public that they are absolute owners and in possession of residential converted land bearing Sy. No. 82/4, measuring 13 guntas, Sy. No. 80/2 measuring 1 acre 05 guntas, Sy. No. 81/1 measuring 1 acre 34 guntas, Sy. No. 81/1 measuring 30 guntas, Sy. No. 10/1 measuring 36 guntas, Sy. No. 80/1 measuring 25 guntas, Sy. No. 10/5 measuring 1 gunta, Sy. No. 9/3 measuring 16 guntas (including 1 gunta of Kharab land), Sy. No. 9/6 measuring 4 guntas, Sy. No. 11 measuring 17 guntas & Sy. No. 79/2 measuring 10 guntas, Sy. No. 103, measuring 01 acre 00 guntas, Sy. No. 133/3, measuring 02 acres 12 guntas, Sy. No. 134/1, measuring 3 acres 24 guntas, situated at **Sadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

Our clients understand that some persons are attempting to sell/create charges over the above said properties based on the fictitious documents.

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Sd/-

Sri. S. VINOD
M/s. V & V Law Office
Advocates & Legal Consultants
No. 23, J.A. Building, 1st Main, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020.
Date: 20/01/2023

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O/o The Executive Engineer, CNNL., KCD Division,
T. Narasipura, Mysuru District - 571124
Ph.No. 08227-261362 E-Mail eekcdtnp@yahoo.co.in

Tender Notification No. 06/2022-23, dated: 18.01.2023

Itemwise tender "**Construction of Sri Maharshi Valmiki Samudaya Bhavan at T. Narasipura town (First Floor)**" is invited in e-procurement by the Executive Engineer, Kabini Canal Distributory Division, T. Narasipura, Mysuru District on behalf of the Managing Director CNNL Mysore from eligible contractors. Amount put to tender for the work is Rs 99.90 Lakhs. Last dates for tender queries / clarification, online submission of tender with EMD, Date of opening of technical bid & Financial bid is as per e-portal. For further details, contact the above said during office hours and by logging into www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL., KCD Division, T. Narasipura

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TOWN PANCHAYATH, BAJPE
Dakshina Kannada

No;TPB/JE/TENDER/11/2022-23 Date: 19.01.2023

E-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited from registered contractor in PWD for the following Civil works through e-procurement portal as per standard tender document rules.

Sl no	Indent No	Estimate cost lakh	Emd Rupee	period	category
1	DMA/2022-23/OW/ WORK INDENT/144122	5.0	12500/-	3 MONTH	GEN
2	DMA/2022-23/WS/ WORK INDENT/144665	5.0	6250/-	6 MONTH	ST
3	DMA/2022-23/RD/ WORK INDENT/144667	5.71	14275/-	3 MONTH	GEN
4	DMA/2022-23/OW/ WORK INDENT/144669	5.0	6250/-	3 MONTH	SC
5	DMA/2022-23/RD/ WORK INDENT/144670	5.49	13725/-	3 MONTH	GEN
6	DMA/2022-23/WS/ WORK INDENT/144824	27.10	33875/-	6 MONTH	SC
7	DMA/2022-23/WS/ WORK INDENT/145318	35.0	87500/-	6 MONTH	GEN

Tender Dates are as mentioned below;
Tender Published on : 21.01.2023
Last date For upload tender : 04.02.2023 16.00 hours,
Tender Bid Opened on : 06.02.2023 17.00 hours
Sl no. 2,4,6 are reservation and others are General category
For any Clarification ¶ÜI Contact; Junion Engineer Town Panchayath office Bajpe

Sd/- Thehsildhar TP Bajpe **Sd/- Chief Officer TP Bajpe**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my client Mr.Satish Kumar, S/o.Prakash Chand, Presently Residing at No.52, First Floor, Ookadapalyam, Viveknagar Post, Bangalore 560 047 is purchasing the schedule mentioned property from the owner Mr. M. C. Chandra Shekar and the registered Agreement Holder Mr.S.Manjunath, any person having objection in the said transaction may file their objection before the undersigned advocate within seven days from the date of this notice failing which the transaction shall be completed.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property being a residential Site No.35, property No.4/5/25, Katha No.15/35, formed in Sy.No.4/5, Situated at Sai Silver Woods, Gantiganahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk (Previously Bangalore North (Addl) Taluk), Bangalore.

Measuring
East to West : 50 feet
North to South : 41.6 feet
Totally measuring 2080 Sq. feet.
Bounded as follows: -
East by : Road,
West by : Site No.27,
North by : Site No.34,
South by : Private Property.

J.RAVINDRAN, Advocate
No.310, 4th Cross,
6th Main, Viveknagar,
Bangalore-569947.
Mobile :9900609429

PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client Mr. GOPALAKRISHNAN.R, son of Sri.Ramasamy.P, Residing at No.156/1, Royal Residency, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, BTM 4th Stage, 2nd Block, Arakere, Bangalore-560 076 has negotiated and entered to an Agreement of Sale to PURCHASE THE BELOW MENTIONED SCHEDULE PROPERTY from the Present owner Mr. K. SRIKANTH, S/o. S. Krishna, residing at No.1683, 17th Main, J.P. Nagar, II Phase, Bangalore-560 078. If anybody having any claims, right, title, interest or any objections of the proposed sale, may please submit their representations/ Objections along with the documentary proof to the undersigned advocate within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, if no response received from anybody, thereafter my client shall be at liberty to proceed to obtain the Sale Deed in his favour.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential vacant site bearing No.65 assigned CMC Khatha No.427/40/3/65, presently BBMP Khatha No.960/920/ 931/40/3/65, formed in the converted land bearing Survey No. 40/3 of KODICHIKKANAHALLI VILLAGE, Begur Hobi, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.188, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, and bounded on the:

East by : Site No.66 **West by :** Site No.64
North by: Site No.55 **South by :** Road

Sd/- **A.Manjunath** Advocate
No.924, 28th Main, 9th Block,
Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 069.
Ph: 9845395528

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that, our clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **SRI.NAGARJUNA.S son of Sri.Shashidhar.C (Shashidhar Reddy.C)**, residing at No.1062, 9th Main, 20th Cross, 7th Sector, H.S.R. Layout, Bengaluru-560102. The Owner represents that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property having acquired the same under a registered WILL dated 12/10/2011 executed by his grandfather Sri.P.Chandrashekar Reddy S/o late Sri.Puttappa Reddy, who died on 22/08/2012 and he has good marketable, right, title and interest therein.

Apart from the above owner, if any person has any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property or any part thereof, the same shall be filed with the undersigned with supporting documents, within **14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of this Notice. Objections and or the claims received after expiry of the stipulated time will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential property measuring **42,471 Sq.ft** out of converted land measuring 2 (two) Acres bearing **Sy.No.32/12**, situated at **Haralukunte Village,** Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, within the limits of BBMP and bounded as follows:

East by : Layout known as Shivajyothi now known as Reliaable Tranquil Layout
West by : SLV Flora Apartments
North by : Property belongs to Sri.Mohan Reddy
South by : Remaining portion of land in Sy.No.32/12 owned by Sri.Shashidhar.C and his wife Smt.Shaila Shashidhar

Sd/- Bayya Reddy. M
For ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP
Advocates & Solicitors
No.101, Sri Manjunatha Complex, 4th Floor, 22nd Main Road,
BSK 2nd Stage, Opp : Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070.

National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI)

(An Autonomous Institute under Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India)
Sector-81, Knowledge City, Mohali-140 306 Punjab (INDIA)
Tel. : 91-172-5221300 Fax : 91-172-5221100 E-mail : purchase@nabi.res.in

RECRUITMENT NOTICE [Advt. No. NABI/01/2023/Rectt.]

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*Age relaxation shall be as per the Government of India (GOI) norms subject to the submission of supporting documents.

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(Manager Administration)

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners i) **Sri.K.N.Nanjundaiah** S/o.Late Nanjappa, residing at No.38, 4th Cross, Nagadevanahalli, Bangalore – 560 056 ii) **Sri. Chandrakanth Raghunath Kulahalli** S/o. Raghunath R Kulahalli, residing at No.48/192, 6th Cross, Kirloskar Colony, Shankar Mutt, Basaveshwarnagara, Bangalore-560 079 iii) **Sri.M.S.Venugopal** S/o.M.K.Subbe Gowda, residing at No.5054/2, 2nd Main Road, 5th Cross, Hemavathinagar, Hassan and iv) **Sri.Ravi Ankindeedu Prasad Rao** S/o. Subbarayudu, residing at No.138, 4th 'A' Cross, Kasthuri Nagar, Hassan (v) **Sri.Lingaiah alias Kaashappa**, S/o.Kaashappa, residing at Ittamadu Village, BidadiHobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Bangalore.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for this sale transaction, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, **within 14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural lands totally measuring **4 Acres 20 Guntas**, as detailed herein below, situated at Ittamadu Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk:

Sl. No	Sy.No.	Extent A - G	Boundaries			
			East	West	North	South
1	150/1	00-12	Sy.No.175	Sy.No.151	Sy.No.174	Sy.No.150/2
2	150/2	00-09	Sy.No.175	Sy.No.151	Sy.No.150/1	Sy.No.150/3
3	150/3	00-25	Sy.No.175	Sy.No.151	Sy.No.150/2	Sy.No.150/4
4	151/3	00-32	Sy.No.151/11	Sy.Nos.152/4 & 152/5	Sy.Nos. 151/1 &151/2	Sy.No.151/4
5	151/4	00-04	Sy.No.150/2	Sy.No. 151/12	Sy.No.151/11	Sy.No.151/5
6	151/11	00-27	Sy.No.150/1	Sy.No.151/3	Sy.No.151/2	Sy.No.151/4
7	151/12	00-14	Sy.No.151/4	Sy.No.152/5	Sy.No.151/3	Sy.No.151/5
8	152/2	00-31	Sy.No.152/3	Sy.No.152/1	Sy.No.155	Sy.No.152/4
9	152/3	00-08	Sy.No.151/1	Sy.No.152/2	Road	Sy.No.152/4
10	152/4	00-18	Sy.No.151/3	Sy.No.153	Sy.Nos.152/1& 152/2 & 152/3	Sy.No.152/5

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DEBASISH BHADURI

'It's about time... India needs another Vishy Anand'

World No. 8 Wesley So – a former Fischer Rapid World champion and Olympiad gold-winner – talks about his migratory chess journey, the challenges of the professional game and India's teen sensations taking the sport by storm

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Nobody in Lotis Key's family played chess. But great chess players entered each of her and her sisters' lives at some point in time. In the case of Lotis, chess remains very much a part of her life. She is the adoptive mother of Wesley So, the World No. 8. She is also his manager. She is much more though. She has also been an actor, novelist, horse-raiser and social worker.

So became a part of her family during one Christmas season. "My older sister once hosted Bobby Fischer [the former World champion who revolutionised chess] and the younger one dated Eugene Torre [Asia's first Grandmaster] in college," Lotis told *The Hindu* in Kolkata recently. "And I met Wesley at the house of one of my husband's friends in Minnesota, where Wesley was staying at the time as he didn't have money for a hotel; he was a student and was making some money by playing tournaments."

Since So had no place to go to for Christmas, he asked Lotis' daughter (on the family's only mobile phone) whether he could visit. Eight months later, he began living with them full-time. He was not sure if he could be a professional chess player, but Lotis told him that she would support him financially for a year. In less than a year, he had entered the world's top 10.

So, who was estranged from his family, had moved to the United States from the Philippines on a scholarship. "That was the best decision of my life and I was 17 or 18 at that time," he says. "Chess was dying in the Philippines then. The prizes were getting lower, as were the allowances for the players from the government. The country had a lot more to worry about than running chess. Basketball, boxing and billiards are the most popular sports in the Philippines and there was no place for chess."

> [Fischer Random] is a lot more original. The problem with [traditional] chess is that you play the first 15 or 20 moves from theory and that is not very exciting

Chess in the Philippines

But the game was once very popular in the Philippines. "Everyone knew how to play chess," So says. "I think the year 2008 was the peak of Philippine chess. We had eight or nine Grandmasters. After that, the game tapered off. I was No. 100 back then, but I could not make a living from chess in the Philippines."

But he didn't have plans to switch his nationality. "I just went to college," he says. "And I could understand why India's Parimarjan Negi left chess for the sake of his academics. He is my age and he used to be a very strong player. I wasn't surprised when he stopped playing. Not everyone can be a professional chess player. There are a lot of other good things to do. He is very bright. It is very difficult to be a professional chess player if you are not as good as Vishy Anand."

Like Anand, So too was a prodigy. In 2007, he became a Grandmaster at 14, the youngest from the Philippines. The following year, he broke Magnus Carlsen's record as the world's youngest to touch 2600 Elo points.

His career really took off a few years after he moved to the United States, the country he represented at the 2016 Chess Olympiad. At Baku, he won the individual gold on the third board and helped USA win team gold, too. That year also saw him win the Sinquefield Cup, London Chess Classic and the Grand Chess Tour.

The Carlsen experience

In 2017, he produced one of his best performances to win the Tata Steel Masters at Wijk aan Zee (the Netherlands), a full point ahead of World champion Carlsen.

"Finishing a point ahead of Carlsen felt nice," he admits. "I was playing really well at that time and my performance at the Olympiad had given me a lot of confidence. But the turning point for me was the 2016 Bilbao tournament in which I lost to Carlsen [So had won the tournament the previous year]. You learn a lot more from your losses than victories."

So, what did the 29-year-old learn from the defeat to Carlsen?

"That you need to be tough and you need to do hard work to make it," he says. "You need to be patient and study your opponent's games."

That seems to have worked for So. In 2019, he defeated Carlsen to become the first ever Fischer Random World champion (the format allows the players to be more creative than theoretical, as the pieces are placed not on the normal squares, but randomly).

"Beating Magnus in any match is a big deal," says So. "I waited for him to make a mistake [a strategy Carlsen usually follows against rivals]."

So thinks the Fischer Random version (it's also called Chess 960) could be the future of chess. "It is a lot more original," he says. "The problem with [traditional] chess, compared to other sports, is that you play the first 15 or 20 moves from theory and that is not very exciting."

Shortly before coming to Kolkata, he had won the inaugural Chess.com Global chess championship, which had a total prize fund of $1 million. His share, after beating Indian teenage prodigy Nihal Sarin in the final, was $200,000.

"It turned out easier than I thought," reveals So. "I didn't have much expectations. I had to win six matches. And you could easily get knocked out. The final against Nihal was a tough match. Nihal had beaten a lot of strong players to get there. The crucial game of the match was the third. He was winning with black pieces but he failed. And after that, it was all downhill for him. Had he won the third game, anything could have happened."

A golden generation?

He is mighty impressed with Nihal and the other Indian teenagers – D. Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi and R. Praggnanandhaa – who are taking the chess world by storm. "They are all very dedicated, well-coached and have parental support," says So. "They are from the same generation and that helps. I think some of them work together. And I think it is also about time. India needs another Vishy Anand. Now India has five or six very good players."

Of them, he feels Gukesh is India's best bet. "He is the youngest and was extremely impressive at the Chennai Olympiad, where he won his first eight games in a row on the top board," So says. "He is really focused, and he loves the game. And I have found Arjun has a burning desire to improve. I won't be surprised if Gukesh and Arjun make it to the world's top 10 in the next few years."

GAME THEORY

Long-tenured No. 1s in golf

We take a look at the golfers who have spent the most time on top of the rankings since the system was introduced in April 1986. Rory McIlroy, the current No. 1, is in his ninth reign

Player	Weeks at No. 1	Number of reigns	Majors won
Tiger Woods	683	11	15
Greg Norman	331	11	2
Dustin Johnson	135	7	2
Rory McIlroy	119	9	4
Nick Faldo	97	4	6
Seve Ballesteros	61	5	5
Luke Donald	56	4	0
Jason Day	51	3	1
Ian Woosnam	50	1	1
Brooks Koepka	47	4	4
Nick Price	44	1	3
Jon Rahm	43	4	1
Vijay Singh	32	3	3
Scottie Scheffler	30	1	1
Jordan Spieth	26	4	3
Lee Westwood	22	2	0
Fred Couples	16	2	1
David Duval	15	2	1
Justin Rose	13	5	1
Adam Scott	11	1	1
Ernie Els	9	3	4
Martin Kaymer	8	1	2
Justin Thomas	5	2	2
Bernhard Langer	3	1	2
Tom Lehman	1	1	1

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Station to station

Komazawa University celebrates after winning the 99th edition of the Hakone Ekiden earlier this month in Tokyo.

The Hakone Ekiden is an iconic two-day relay marathon race contested by university teams over a distance of 219 km.

Each team consists of 10 male students, so every runner covers a distance that is slightly more than a half-marathon.

The race — run from central Tokyo along Tokyo Bay, past Yokohama to Hakone and back — is a wildly popular spectacle, drawing large crowds and receiving nationwide television coverage.

The term 'ekiden' — which, roughly translated, means 'station to station' — comes from the stagecoach courier system of the olden days, when long-distance journeys were broken into stages and the horses were changed for each stage.

This meaning of the term is reflected in the rule which stipulates that each runner has to pass on his or her sash to the next after completing a stage.

When a runner fails to reach a station within a certain time of the leading team getting to it, the next runner starts with a substitute sash and the time difference is added on.

Metro structure accident case: Police summon BMRCL MD

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Days after the death of a woman and her toddler who came under a reinforcement structure at a Namma Metro construction site in HBR Layout, the Bengaluru city police have issued a summons to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) Managing Director (MD) Anjum Parvez. However, Mr. Parvez skipped the questioning that was to be held on Friday on health grounds.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Bheemashankar Guled, DCP East, Law & Order, said: "We have some specific questions to be asked to metro officials which only the MD can answer. Hence, we have summoned him. However, due to health reasons, Mr. Parvez did not attend the questioning on Friday, but he confirmed that he will attend on Saturday."

The FIR has been registered in Govindapura police station under Sections of 337 (causing hurt by act of endangering life or personal safety of others), 338 (causing grievous hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others), 304-A (causing death by negligence), and 427 (mischief causing damage) of the IPC. However, the MD's name did not figure in the FIR.

Mr. Guled also said that they have started questioning officials of the BMRCL and contractor as part of the investigation.

More details sought

Meanwhile, professors from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad, who are giving their expert opinion to the police on the incident, have sought more details from the police on the incident.

The team of two professors from the Civil Engineering Department submit their opinion to Bengaluru city police soon. Mr. Guled said: "The report from the IIT Hyderabad may be submitted soon and recently they have sought more details from us, which we have provided."

Ex-councillor held for assault on police officer

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A former city councillor has been arrested for assault on a police inspector in Kaggalipura on Thursday evening.

V. Balakrishna is a former councillor from Yelachenahalli ward, and associated with the BJP.

According to the police, Mr. Balakrishna picked up a quarrel with Vijay Kumar, Circle Inspector, Kaggalipura, when the former had approached him over a civil dispute pertaining to a land parcel in the area. As the duo were speaking, they got into a heated argument and Mr. Balakrishna allegedly caught hold of the collar of the inspector and assaulted him.

Other police officials separated the two and detained the former councillor, who was later arrested following a complaint by Mr. Kumar.

Mr. Balakrishna has been booked under Section 353 of IPC for assault or criminal force to deter a public servant from discharging his duty.

Disruption in power supply

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There will be no power supply on January 22 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in areas serviced from 66/11 KV Dommasandra and Chandapura stations. The areas are: Dommasndra and surrounding areas. Heelalige, Andapura, and surrounding areas.

Timings
BENGALURU

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RISE	06:10	SET 17:48
SUNDAY, JAN. 22		
RISE	06:46	SET 18:16
RISE	07:12	SET 18:55
MONDAY, JAN. 23		
RISE	06:46	SET 18:16
RISE	08:08	SET 20:00

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Woman drives with man on bonnet of car for 3 km; 5 persons arrested

While the woman driver has been booked for attempt to murder, four others, including the man on the bonnet, have been booked for outraging the modesty of the woman

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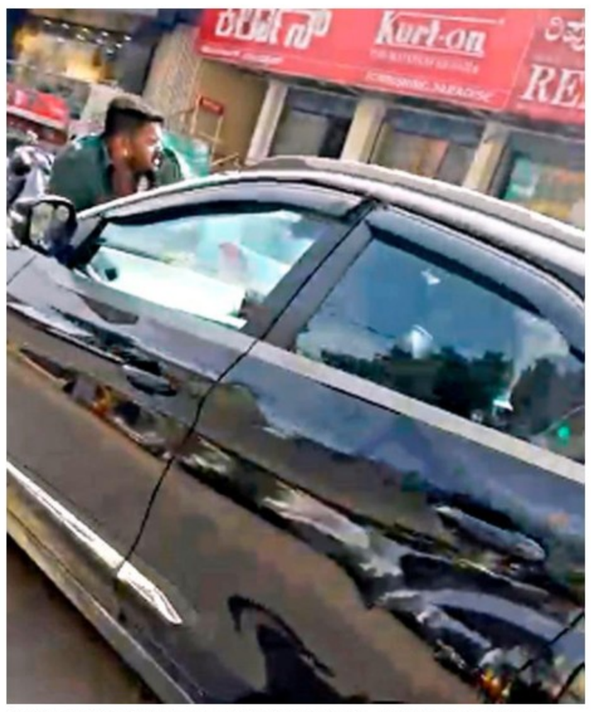


A video grab of the man on the bonnet of a car in Bengaluru on Friday.

Five persons have been arrested in a road rage incident, after video clips of a man holding on to the bonnet of a car even as a woman drove on for nearly 3 km went viral on Friday.

The incident comes days after a senior citizen was dragged on the road by a scooter rider for nearly 1 km in a similar incident in the city.

While the woman driver of the car has been booked for attempt to murder and arrested, four others, including the man seen on the bonnet of the car, have been booked for outraging the modesty of the woman.

Priyanka and her husband Pramod were driving on Ullal Main Road in the city on Friday around 10.15 a.m., when the couple got into a fight with Darshan, who was driving another car, over a trivial issue. In the complaint and counter-complaint filed by both parties with the police later, they agreed that Priyanka and Darshan got into a verbal spat and Priyanka made an obscene gesture at Darshan and drove off. However, Darshan followed the couple's car for several kilometres, even as he reportedly called some of his friends who joined the chase. They blocked the car and stopped the couple and demanded that Priyanka apologise.

While in his complaint, Pramod alleged he was assaulted by Darshan and his friends, Darshan alleged that Pramod and his friend assaulted him.

In his complaint, Darshan alleged that as they insisted on going to a police station, Priyanka and her husband got into the car and tried to flee. He alleged that in an attempt to stop them, he climbed onto the bonnet of the car and asked them to stop, but Priyanka started driving recklessly and continued driving for nearly 3 km. He said that despite him appealing to her to stop the car and that he may die if he fell down, Priyanka did not stop for a long time, which he alleged was an attempt to kill him. The car was stopped after people gathered and forcefully brought it to a halt, but only after a 3-km drive with Darshan clinging onto the bonnet, he alleged in his complaint.

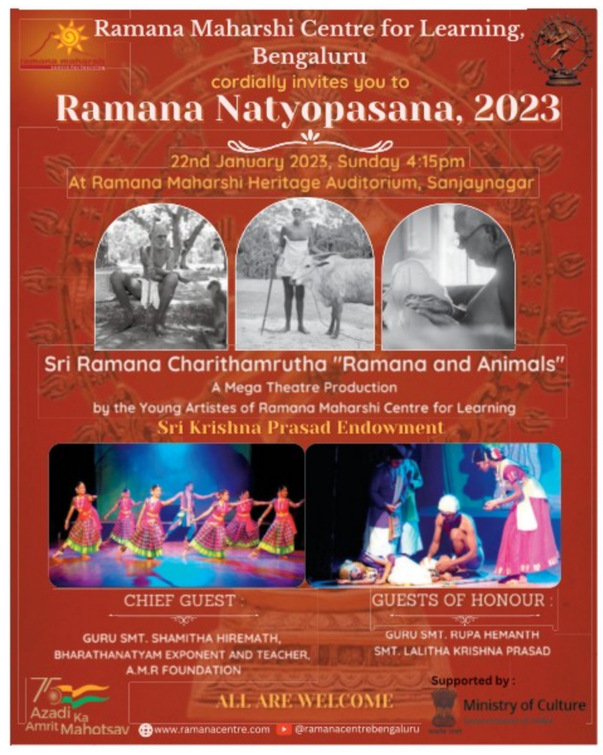
Pramod alleged that Darshan and his gang not only assaulted him, but also smashed the glass of the car. Two policemen, who reached the spot, asked all of them to go to the police station and even as they were moving the car, the gang smashed the glass and one man jumped onto the bonnet of the car and refused to get down. He said they were scared of the gang and drove off. As the man refused to get off the car, they stopped near Sankalp Hospital, some distance away, after which the man and his friends damaged the car and threatened to kill them, Pramod alleged.

The Jnanabharathi police have arrested Priyanka for attempt to murder, and Darshan and his friends Yeshwanth, Sujan, and Vinay for outraging the modesty of a woman, as Pramod alleged that the gang dragged Priyanka and pulled at her clothes.

INBRIEF

Disruption in power supply

There will be disruption in power supply on Saturday from 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the areas serviced from 66/11 kV Victoria Station. The areas are: SJP Road, OTC Road, S.P. Road, Avenue Road, Godown street, J.C. Road 1st Cross, A.M. Lane, Kalasipalya Main Road, Kumbar Gundi Road, Shivaji Road, B.V.K. Iyengar Road, Grain Bazar Road, Nagarthpet, Thigalarpet, N.R. Road. Part of OTC Road, P.C. Lane, P.P. Lane, Oosman Khan Road, S.P. Park, Basappa Circle, K.R. Road, Fort Street, Kalasipalya Main Road, Nagarthpet Main Road, Kumbarpet Main Road, Appurayappa Lane, MBT Street, Pillappa Lane, C.R. Swamy Street, Medharapete, Chickpet, Chickpet Main Road, O.T. Pet, OTC Road, Gundopanth Street, Mamulpet, Belli Basavanna Temple Street.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Meeting Notice

The Vice-President and Governing Body Members of Mysore Horticulture Society, Lalbagh, Bangalore are hereby informed, on the direction of the ex-officio President of Mysore Horticulture Society a Board of Directors meeting is convened on dated: **31.01.2023 at 12:00 PM** at the office of Mysore Horticulture Society. All the members of the governing body have been asked to attend the said meeting. Meeting notice has been served to the registered address of the members and through office notice board. Further action would be taken as per law, in case of absence from the meeting.

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After threat call from Belagavi jail, Minister warns of strict action against prison staff

The central prison at Hindalga in Belagavi. FILE PHOTO

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Home Minister Araga Jnanendra on Friday said that the Police Department is taking strict disciplinary actions against staff who engage in or abet illegal activities in prisons across the State.

He said that there were reports of illegal activities taking place in Ramanagaram, Tumakuru, Kalaburagi, and Belagavi prisons and a detailed investigation has been ordered. He also directed the police to take action against the officials responsible.

Tumakuru district jail warden Praveen has been suspended from service after he was allegedly involved in illegal activities in the prison. The Minister informed that officials have raised the Hassan district prison on Thursday and confiscated illegal mobile phones from prisoners.

In Belagavi district, the police officials have registered a case against an inmate of the Hindalga prison for making threatening calls to Union Minister Nitin Gadkari's office recently.

The caller had claimed to be a member of gangster Dawood Ibrahim's gang and threatened to assassinate the Minister. He identified himself and gave a mobile phone number to call back, saying it was his number. Three calls were made to the office of the Minister on January 14.

Meanwhile, Mr. Jnanendra said that state-of-the-art mobile phone jammers are being installed in jails of the State to prevent the illegal use of mobile phones by inmates.

Commission rescues man from illegal detention at Seshadripuram police station

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Human Rights Commission on Friday raided Seshadripuram police station and rescued a victim of illegal detention. Based on the complaint of the victim's son, the SHRC found the arrest of Sridhar R. by inspector Hemant Kumar since Thursday without complaint and FIR. "The chairperson of SHRC ordered an inquiry and referred the matter to a Full Bench. The date of inquiry is on January 31," SHRC said.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 4th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-21)
O.S No. 25715/2021

Between
ICICI Bank Limited having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068 ...Plaintiff
And
Alok Rout ...Defendant
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
To
Alok Rout
Aged about 34 years,
S/o. Lalmohan Rout,
R/a. 72, 1st Floor, Near Bhagyavilasa School, Opp to SBI, Munekolalu, Bangalore-560037 ...Defendant

Whereas, the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs. 2,04,395.00/-** along with interest at 24% p.a and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court of the 4th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit Bangalore (CCH-21) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 28.02.2023 at 11 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this 10 day of January, 2023

By order of the Court,
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit
Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
No.109, Commerce House,
9/1, Cunningham Road,
Bangalore- 560051

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAVINDRA Manoor Sridhar, S/O. M L Sridhar, R/O. C401, UKN Esperanza Aprts, 38, Thubarahalli, Whitefield, Blr–66, have changed my name to Ravindra Manoor Sridhar Hebbar vide afdvt dtd 19/01/23

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 72ND ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE MAYO HALL BENGALURU (CCH-73)
P & SC No.25070/2022

BETWEEN:1.Mrs.Khatoon Nisa, 76 years, W/o Late Mohamed Ishaq, **2. Mr. Mohamed Farook,** 55 years, **3. Mrs. Balkais Banu,** 53 years, **4.Mrs.Tabassum Banu,** 49 years, **5.Mr.Mohamed Siddeq,** 45 years,(Son/ Daughters of Late Mohamed Ishaq), All are presently R/at No.8/6-1,1st Cross, Vivekanandanagar, Maruthi Sevanagar, Bangalore North-560 033...
PETITIONERS
AND: The Post Master General, General Post Office, Bangalore G.P.O. Bangalore-560 001... **RESPONDENTS**
PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named petitioners have filed the above petition under section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 before the Hon'ble Court 72nd Addl City Civil and Sessions judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore (CCH-73) praying for grant of succession certificate in favour of the Petitioners herein in respect of the Description of Document as per schedule mentioned below. The schedule of the document had been held by Late Mohamed Ishaq who passed away on 23-12-2021 at Bangalore. Interested parties are hereby called to appear before this Court in person or through their pleader as duly instructed on **27-1-2023** at 11.00 A.M to show cause against the petitioners wherein failing such appearance, the petition will be heard and decided ex-parte.

SCHEDULE/ DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENTS

The scheme under savings Bank general-with CHECK CIF ID302447135 with Account No.3044500666 retained in General Post Office, G.P.O. Bangalore-560 001, Karnataka Circle.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 17-12-2022.
By order of the court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore.

Address for Service:
M. JAGANNATHAN & MOHAMMED SALMAN .A
IQRA LAW ASSOCIATES
No. 19, Lazar Road, Fraser Town P.O. Bangalore-560005.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Khalaq Abdul Gafoor S/O, Abdul Khaliq R/o #8, 1st Main, B Cross, Behind Rtn Public School, Kanakanagar, Rt Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560032. have changed my name to Khaliq Abdul Gafoor for all purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. NO. 25312/2020

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore 560001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
V/s.
Mr. Chandra Kumar C. ...Defendant
Summons To Defendant

Mr. Chandra Kumar C.
S/o. Mr. Cruz, Aged About 34 Years, No. 9/1, D Street, Clevel and Town, Coles Road, Frazer Town, Near Bank of Baroda, Bangalore- 560005.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 3,12,767.37/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven and Paise Thirty Seven Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25312/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-22,** Before 13th Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **17th** Day of **February, 2023** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **12th day** of **January, 2023.**

By Order of the court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
Bengaluru- 560 001

FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, M GAYATHRI is legally wedded spouse of No 10490149L Rank HAV Name K Kumar presently residing at Deveerahalli (Vill & Po), Pochampalli (Teh), Krishnagiri (Dist), Tamil Nadu-635123 that have declared to changed my name from M Gayathri to Gayathri K vide affidavit dated 17 Jan 2023 before Notary Sivakumara M.N, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 26534/2020

BETWEEN :
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Pramod G., Aged about 45 years, S/o. Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. KSHITIJ SRIVASTAVA
S/o. Mr. Ashwani Srivastava Aged 25 years No.44/1B, Kewa Lotus Apartment Sacred Hearts Road, K.R. Puram, T.C. Palya Main Road, Bangalore- 560036. Karnataka ...Defendant
Summons to Defendant

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 4,97,436.65/- Rupees Four Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Six and paise Sixty Five Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26534/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20,** Before Addl. City Civil Court. Mayo Hall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 4th Day of March, 2023 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 16th day of January, 2023.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560001

FX & CO.,
ADVOCATES,
New NO.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

WE, BHANU Prakash Reddy.C and Kalpana Kumari.O Parents of minor son C.Bhuvana Sujan Reddy R/o # 3003, Santorini Sobha City, Thanisandra Main Road, Thirumenahalli, Bengaluru-560077 have changed his name from C. Bhuvana Sujan Reddy to Bhuvan S Reddy Chadive vide affidavit dated 19-01-2023 before Notary Public A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF IV ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 21)
O.S. NO. 26535/2020

BETWEEN:
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramod G,
Aged about 44 years,
S/o. Gurumallappa
AND :
Mr. O. VENTAKESH
S/o. Venkataramana Orusu
Aged 28 years No. 11/3, V. P. Road, Madiwala, Bengalore-560068
Summons to Defendants

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 3,31,972.28/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Two and Paise Twenty Eight Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26535/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-21,** Before IV Addl., City Civil Court. Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 13th Day of February, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the Suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Give under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the13th day of January, 2023

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit,
BENGALURU- 560001

Fx & Co., Advocates,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
Bengaluru- 560 005.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHANDRASHEKHAR NAIK have changed my name from CHANDER SHAKER to CHANDRASHEKHAR NAIK, for all future purposes by affidavit dated 19–01–2023, Sworn before the Notary SESHAGIRI, Bang 43

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 4th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-21)
O.S. No. 26542/2020

Between
ICICI Bank Limited having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068 ...Plaintiff
And
Henry Derrick Christy ...Defendant
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

To,
Henry Derrick Christy,
Aged about 28 years,
S/o. Henry Sagayray, R/a. T3, 3rd Floor, Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Complex, Oil Mill Road, St. Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru-560084 ...Defendant

Whereas, the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs, 3,74,330.50/- along with interest at 24% p.a and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court of the 4th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit Bangalore (CCH-21) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 28.02.2023 at 11 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this 10th day of January, 2023

By order of the Court,
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit
Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
No.109, Commerce House,
9/1, Cunningham Road,
Bangalore- 560051

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I Vishwanath S/o Siddappa Algundi R/o 313 G-flr 11th cross 2nd Block Vishwapriya Layout Begur Rd Srv Medicals Begur B'luru-560068 have changed my name to Vishwanath Algundi for all purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 27th ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-09) AT BANGALORE
O.S. NO. 2537/2021
Hg. 03/03/2023

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., No.1, Shobha Pearl, 2nd Floor, MG Road, Commissariat Road, Bangalore- 560025, and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorised representative. ...Plaintiff
And :
Mrs. Lokanayaki N. ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mrs. Lokanayaki N.
W/o. Nanjunda
D/o. Neelamegan,
Aged About 41 Years,
Residing at Flat No. 703, J3 Block, Provident Wellworth City, Marasandra Village, Doddaballapur Main Road, Bangalore- 561203

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 4,45,985/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-09), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 03/03/2023 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 19th day of January, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road,
Bengaluru -01.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer-5, Solid Waste Management Division, N.R. Square
Bengaluru - 560 002.

No:BBMP/EE-5/SWM/TEND/02/2022-23 Date: 20.01.2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer-5, Solid Waste Management Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors for the work detailed in the table below.

Name of the Work	Amount put to Tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
Providing Solid Waste Management, Temporary Toilet Facility and Drinking Water facilities for General Public at Public parking (P4) and ADVA Parking for Aero India 2022-23 to be held from 13th February 2023 at Air Force Station Yalahanka.	117.59	1,76,396.00

Calendar of Events : 1) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **31.01.2023** upto **4:00** pm. (2) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders on **31.01.2023** upto **4:30** pm. (3) Last Date for Uploading Queries on **24.01.2023** upto **4:00** pm. (4) Pre-Bid Meeting on **25.01.2023** at **4:00** pm in the Office of the Chief Engineer, (SWM), 4th Floor, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R Square, Bengaluru - 02. (5) Date of Opening of Technical Bids are on **02.02.2023** by **4:30** pm or Next Working day. (6) Opening of Financial Bids will be intimated to Technically Qualified Bidders. (7) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer-5,
Solid Waste Management Division

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my client Mr.Ranjit Thakur, S/o.Fenu Thakur, Presently Residing at No.2, Nanjappa Garden, House No.8/2, 1st Floor, Vannarpet, Vivekanagar Post, Bangalore 560 047 is purchasing the schedule mentioned property from the owner Mr. M. C. Chandra Shekar and the registered Agreement Holder Mr.S.Manjunath, any person having objection in the said transaction may file their objection before the undersigned advocate within seven days from the date of this notice failing which the transaction shall be completed.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being a Residential Site No.38 Property No.4/2/21, Katha No.21/38, formed in Sy.No.4/2, Situated at Sai Silver Woods, Gantiganahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, (Previously Bangalore North [Addl] Taluk), Bangalore.

Measuring
East to West : 50 Feet
North to South : 30 feet
Totally measuring 1500 Sq. feet.

Bounded as follows: -
East by : Private Property,
West by : Road,
North by : Site No.39,
South by : Site No.37

J.RAVINDRAN, Advocate
No.310, 4th Cross,
6th Main, Viveknagar,
Bangalore-569947.
Mobile :9900609429

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur Hassan District.

Short Term Tender Notification No:26/2022-23
Date:17.01.2023

The Executive Engineer, CNNL.,Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur-573120 Hassan Taluk, Hassan Dist., As Per KW-4, invited Item rate Short term tender (Two cover) through e- procurement only vide No. 26/2022-23, Date:17.01.2023 on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from the eligible contractors of PWD Class-II and above of any State /Central Government /Public Sector organization. Details:-1 work, approximate amount Rs.423.68 Lakhs, EMD as Prescribed in e-portal, The contractor can have access e-tender documents from 21.01.2023 to 31.01.2023 through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by E – portal (2)Opening of Technical bid 01.02.2023 at 5.00 PM onwards. (if possible) For further information etc.,contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in (Department).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.:CEE/TZB/SEE(O)/AEE-4/22-23/21460 Date: 18.01.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids against **Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/TK-242** for **Construction of 2Nos of 66KV Terminal Bays in the premises of existing 66/11KV Attur (Yelahanka) Sub-Station with formation of 66KV Rigid Bus and making LILO arrangement of existing DG-3 & DG-4 line by using 66KV 1000 Sqmm UG cable in Yelahanka, Bengaluru Urban District on Total Turnkey basis including supply of all matching materials/equipments and erection (Including civil works) of all materials/ equipments, testing and commissioning.** The bids will received through eletronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging into e-procurement website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink e-Procurement- KPTCL or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 25.01.2023.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, (Electy.) Transmission Zone, KPTCL, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 009.
Ph: 080-22282601/602, Fax:080-22282846

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕನೀನಿ, ನಂ.5,
ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ. ಫೋ: 08192–264669
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: eebcddvg@yahoo.co.in

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ –2ನೇ ಕರೆ

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ:– **EE/ KNNL/ BCD-5/DVG/PB-5/4701 SCP-TSP(J)/2022-23/ 2927/10 Dated: 18.01.2023**

ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ನಂ.5 ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆರವರು, ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 4701 ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಪಿ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಡಿ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರವೇ ದಿ: **19.01.2023** ರಿಂದ **27.01.2023** ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ವರೆಗೆ ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ (Pre-Bid Meeting) **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.01.2023 ರಂದು** ಪೂರ್ವಾಹ್ನ 12.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿ: 30.01.2023 ರಂದು** ಸಂಜೆ 5.05 ಘಂಟೆ. ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01. **Indent No: KNNL/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT35105 ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಇಡಲಾದ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 99.29 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು.** ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ, ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/828/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23 **ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್**

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Wholly owned Government of Karnataka undertaking)
CIN Number: U04010KA2002SGC030436

No. GESCOM/SEE (Procurement)/EE/AEE/2022-23/52087-91 Date:20.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

Manufacture and supply/supply of following materials as per GESCOM Specifications 1) **PC-1206 (Call-2)** :Safety Helmet, 2) **PC-1207 (Call-2):** Safety Belt, 3) **PC-1213(Call-2) :-** 7/10 SWG Guy Wire **(Short Term Tender),** 4) **PC-1238:** 25 KVA BEE Star-1 rated distribution Transformers, 5) **PC-1239:** 63 KVA BEE Star-1 rated distribution Transformers, 6) **PC-1240:** 63 KVA BEE Star-2 rated distribution transformers, 7) **PC-1241:** 100 KVA BEE Star-1 rated distribution Transformers, 8) **PC-1242:** 100 KVA BEE Star-2 rated distribution transformers, 9) **PC-1244:** Type-II uninhabited Transformer Oil.10) **PC-1235:** Weasel ACSR Conductor (Short Term Tender), 11) **PC-1236:** Rabbit ACSR Conductor (Short Term Tender), 12) **PC-1195 (Call-3):** Coyote ACSR Conductor, 13) **PC-1243:** Establishment of transformer repair center in GESCOM jurisdiction and carrying out repairs to faulty 250KVA distribution transformer of GESCOM. 14) **PC-1237 :** Establishment of Transformer repair center at Yelburga and carrying out repairs of 25/63/100 KVA Conventional type distribution transformers of O&M Sub-Division, GESCOM, Yelburga as per GESCOM Specifications. 15) **PC-1245:** Establishment of transformer repair center in GESCOM jurisdiction and carrying out repairs to faulty 500 KVA distribution transformer of GESCOM.
Dates: Bid documents available at e-procurement: on or after **22.01.2023,** Last Date: **08.02.2023 / 22.02.2023 17:30 Hrs.** Opening of Technical/Price bid: **10.02.2023 11:00 Hrs / 24.02.2023 11:00 Hrs.** Tender amount: Min: **Rs. 25.45 Lakhs** Max: **Rs.1055.40 Lakhs. Bidder Qualifying Requirements:** As per tender documents (IFB): For additional information Contact: Superintending Engineer El., Procurement, Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi-585102. Mobile: 9448499997. Web Site Address: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Procurement), GESCOM, Corporate Office, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/1143/MC&A/2022-23

District Urban Development Cell, Ballari

No: DUDC/B/MAN/Phase-4/Building & Park/1/2022-23 Date:19.01.2023

"TENDER NOTIFICATION"

The Deputy commissioner, Ballari District Invites tenders in two cover system using standard tender documents from **Eligible** contractors for The **Chief Ministeres Amruth NAGAROTHANA (Municipality) Phase 04 P roject in City Municipal Council Siruguppa, Town Municipal Council Kampli and Town Panchayath Tekkalakote and Kudathini limits in Ballari District** details as below.

Name of the Works & Indent No: Construction of BT Road and RCC Drain at 16 Ward Siruguppa CMC Limits Under Nagarothana Phase-4 (DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT145404). **Estimate Cost(Rs in Lakhs):** 200.00. **Amount put to tender(Rs in Lakhs):** 169.41. **EMD(in.Rs):** 2,54,120/-

For S.No 01

1.Last date & time for tender queries / clarifications: **01.02.2023 at 17.30 Hrs.** 2.Pre Bid Meeting : **01.02.2023 at 11.00 hrs.** 3.Last date and time for receipt of tender technical bids: **07.02.2023 at 16.30 hrs.** 4.Date & time for opening of (Technical bids): **10.02.2023 at 11:00 Hrs.** 5.Date & time for opening of (Financial bids): **17.02.2023 at 11:00 Hrs.** 6.Auto extension of tender schedule : **03 days**

Name of the Works & Indent No: 02.Construction of Library building and Parks at TMC Kampli limits of Ballari District under Chief Minister Amrut Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Project.(DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT145277). **Estimate Cost(Rs in Lakhs):** 61.25. **Amount put to tender(Rs in Lakhs):** 55.51. **EMD(in.Rs):** 1,11,020/-

03.Construction of Building at TP Tekkalakote limits of Ballari District under Chief Minister Amrut Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Project.(DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT145290). **Estimate Cost(Rs in Lakhs):** 70.17. **Amount put to tender(Rs in Lakhs):** 59.30. **EMD(in.Rs):** 1,18,600/-

04.Development & construction of New Vegetable Market Building at Kurugodu road and Community Training center for specially abled persons at Kuduthini Town limits Ballari District under Chief Minister Amrut Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Project.(DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT145292). **Estimate Cost(Rs in Lakhs):** 171.72. **Amount put to tender(Rs in Lakhs):** 145.23. **EMD(in.Rs):** 2,57,580/-

For S.No 02 to 04

1.Last date & time for tender queries / clarifications: **13.02.2023 at 17.30 Hrs.** 2.Pre Bid Meeting : **13.02.2023 at 11.00 hrs.** 3.Last date and time for receipt of tender technical bids: **20.02.2023 at 16.30 hrs.** 4.Date & time for opening of (Technical bids): **22.02.2023 at 11:00 Hrs.** 5.Date & time for opening of (Financial bids): **28.02.2023 at 11:00 Hrs.** 6.Auto extension of tender schedule : **03 days**

Interested Contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender, Contractors can download the tender documents from the e-procurement platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically & tender processing fee shall also be paid electronically.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
District Urban Development cell, Ballari

DIPR/Ballari/833/MCA/2022-23

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Kundapura Division, Kundapura
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ಸ್ಥಳ: ಕುಂದಾಪುರ– 576201
Place: Kundapura- 576201

No.C2/CR/42/E-TENDER/OUTSOURCE/2022-23 Date: 16.01.2023

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ)

ವಿಷಯ: 2023–24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಂದಾಪುರ ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೊಳಪಡುವ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿ, ವಲಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಡಿಪೋಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಿರುವ ಗಣಕಯಂತ್ರ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರು/ಲಿಪಿಕ ಸಹಾಯಕರು/ವಾಹನ ಚಾಲಕರು ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ 'ಡಿ' ಗ್ರೂಪ್ ನೌಕರರ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಸೇವಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ (Outsourcing) ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಂಖಾತರ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

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ಕುಂದಾಪುರ ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲರುವ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಉಪವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿ, ವಲಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಡಿಪೋಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಿರುವ ಗಣಕಯಂತ್ರ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರು/ ಲಿಪಿಕ ಸಹಾಯಕರು/ವಾಹನ ಚಾಲಕರು ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ 'ಡಿ' ಗ್ರೂಪ್ ನೌಕರರು ಇವರುಗಳ ಸೇವೆ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿದ್ದು, 2023–24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ 01.04.2023 ರಿಂದ 31.03.2024ರ ವರೆಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಮುಂದಿನ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಮುಗಿಯುವವರೆಗೆ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಸೇವಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅಂದರೆ, Outsourcing ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಮೂನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ www.eprockarnataka.gov.inನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಅಂದಾಜು ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಮೊತ್ತ (ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಶಾಸನಬದ್ಧ ಮೊತ್ತ ಸೇರಿ) ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ	ರೂ. 104.50ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂ. 2,00,000/–
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State gets 8 lakh doses of Covishield; mega vaccine mela today

It will be held in government vaccination centres and all those eligible for the precaution dose can get vaccinated free of cost

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the arrival of eight lakh Covishield doses, the State Health department is organising a mega vaccination mela in all districts on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. People can get vaccinated free of cost in all government vaccination centres.

Following the global surge, experts had recommended that it is vital for the vulnerable population, especially the elderly, those with comorbidities and immunocompromised persons, to take the precaution dose. The overall coverage of precaution dose is abysmally poor in Karnataka with not more than 21% of the eligible population getting the third dose.

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In figures

Total 1st dose administered
5.51 crore (5,51,63,884) doses

Total 2nd dose administered
5.53 crore (5,53,44,907) doses

Total precaution dose administered (18+)
1.08 crore (1,08,17,218) doses

High demand

While Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had in December directed officials to organise vaccination camps to increase booster dose coverage to at least 50% by January end, the Health Department was unable to do so due to the lack of Covishield stocks, demand for which has been high. With almost zero stocks of this vaccine, the State was awaiting the eight lakh consignment to start camps.

Naveen Bhat, State Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), told *The Hindu* on Friday that the consignment arrived two days ago and the stock has been distributed to the districts.

"The mega vaccination mela will be held in all government vaccination centres and all those eligible to take precaution dose can get it free of cost. Currently, we have eight lakh doses of Covishield and four lakh doses of Covaxin," Dr. Bhat said. Gram panchayat members will be roped in to mobilise the eligible beneficiaries to the nearest facility.

Mr. Bhat said the eight lakh doses have been distributed to all districts, who in turn will fix their own targets depending on the demand. "As of now, the vaccination mela has been planned only for January 21 and depending on the feedback the next mela will be fixed," he said.

BBMP's share

Of the eight lakh Covishield doses, BBMP has been given 94,500 doses. K.V. Trilok Chandra, BBMP Special Commissioner (Health), said the drive will be held in all BBMP vaccination centres.

"We have also planned outreach programmes involving Resident Welfare Associations. This is to mobilise the beneficiaries to the vaccination centres," he said.

Meanwhile, private hospitals are concerned about the poor utilisation of available vaccine stocks as the shelf life expires this month end.

Govindaiah Yatheesh, president of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (PHANA), said there are hardly any takers for vaccines in private hospitals.

CM promises to restore glory of garden city as Republic Day flower show kicks off

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Steps will be taken to restore the garden city to its former glory, announced Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday, as he inaugurated the 213th edition of the Republic Day flower show, organised by the Horticulture Department at Lalbagh Botanical Garden.

"Necessary steps will be initiated to protect the name of garden city permanently by maintaining Lalbagh, Cubbon Park and other parks, which are under the control of BBMP, and by creating new gardens on the city's outskirts and by growing more trees," he said, adding that with a green budget under which ₹100 crore has been earmarked to extend the green cover in Karnataka, the government has taken up the task of converting hilly regions into green areas for the first time.

He added that along with extending the forest cover, the government is also taking steps to increase the production of horticulture crops. He said farms would be created to promote horticulture on a larger scale, and mentioned that there are plans to earmark funds for it in the upcoming Budget.

The annual flower show, at Lalbagh Botanical Garden in Bengaluru, began on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The theme of this year's Republic Day flower show is 'History of Bengaluru'. The centrepiece of the flower show, which depicted glimpses of Bengaluru, is a major attraction.

"I really enjoyed coming here. It is my first visit to the flower show. I love the different colours of flowers, and it was easy to know their background by reading the boards," said Sanju, a visitor. Visitors to Lalbagh were also briefed about the sorting of trash by volunteers from Saahas.

Karnataka requires an outlook report to remove uncertainty in agriculture: Bommai

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Karnataka should prepare an outlook report that would predict rainfall, give an idea about the total sowing requirement, expected productivity, market demand in local and international markets, and the price mechanism to remove uncertainty around farming, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Speaking at the International Millet and Organic Mela-2023 that commenced here on Friday, the Chief Minister said other countries prepared such outlook reports and their farmers communities benefited out of them.

The International Millet and Organic Mela-2023 commenced at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

"We have to work on a similar report to work out the cost of cultivation of each crop so that the farmers can cultivate a particular crop within that budget," he said. It has to be prepared in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Price Commission, and stakeholders in the farming community, Mr. Bommai insisted.

A majority of people, in the State, consume jowar and ragi and they are distributed through PDS in the last three years, said Mr. Bommai.

"The agricultural universities must come out of the campus and help farmers grow millets and commercial crops," Mr. Bommai said.

Affecting food safety

Agriculture scientists, who spoke at the millet mela, opined that the food safety of the country would be affected in the coming days if the balance between the commercial crops and the agricultural crops was not maintained.

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VISP, symbol of early industrialisation of State, may be on its last legs

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Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISP) at Bhadravati in Shivamogga district, a symbol of early industrialisation of Karnataka with a history of 105 years, may be on its last legs. According to its employees, the board of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has taken a decision to close the VISP unit.

The then Mysore king Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar set up the unit in 1918, as per the advice of Dewan Sir M. Visvesvaraya. Once a thriving industry, the unit currently has 211 permanent employees and 1,340 workers on contract basis.

The former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa confirmed the development and said, "The VISP issue has gone beyond our control."

Many protests

For more than 10 years, the employees met several elected representatives and Ministers and staged protests, requesting revival of the unit. The SAIL board took the decision to close the unit on January 16 and the employees heard of it when they were preparing for the 105th founder's day on January 18.

Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant at Bhadravati has 211 permanent employees and 1,340 workers employed on contract basis.
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"We got information about the board decision on January 18 from senior executive officers at the plant. Later, a delegation of workers visited Delhi and spoke to Krishna Kumar Singh, Director (Personnel). He confirmed the decision of the board," said J. Jagadish, president of the VISP Workers' Association.

The decision of SAIL board to close the Bhadravati unit has been referred to the Union government

The board's decision has been referred to the Union government, which is expected to make the official announcement in a few days. "We were told that the official closure can take a few months. Meanwhile, we have requested SAIL to retain 211 permanent employees and transfer us to other units," said Mr. Jagadish.

SAIL officials are believed to have assured the delegation that they would consider the request for transfer to other units. Those who prefer to leave would get other offers, such as VRS.

"All these years, we fought for the revival of the unit. Now, it is left to the people of Bhadravati and people's representatives to continue the fight. All the employees are relatively young, I being the seniormost at the age of 43. Our future is uncertain," said Mr. Jagadish.

A glorious history

The VISP was set up as Mysore Wood Distillation and Iron Works on January 18, 1918. It commenced pig iron production in a charcoal blast furnace in 1923. The unit produced 60 tonnes of pig iron a day. Mild steel production was started in 1936. In the same year, its name was changed to Mysore Iron & Steel Works. The production of ferro alloys began in 1942. Production capacity was increased in 1962.

As a tribute to its founder, the company was renamed Visvesaraya Iron and Steel Plant in 1976. The plant was merged with SAIL in December 1998.

In recent years, production came down, resulting in losses. The number of employees was reduced. At one time, the unit employed 12,000 people. The VISP has got 1,660 acres of land and 4,250 quarters. Now, the VISP township is vacant.

'Beyond our control'

Speaking in Shivamogga, Mr. Yediyurappa said, "The closure of the VISP had been discussed long back. There had been many efforts to revive the unit. Lok Sabha member B.Y. Raghavendra made all possible efforts. However, we did not succeed." He said the Centre had taken a decision to close all such units. "This is not limited to Bhadravati. Across the country, all units that are not functioning satisfactorily have been closed. Now, the issue has gone beyond our control," he said.

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Nod for regularising unauthorised quarrying

The Minister had to answer a barrage of questions on whether it was appropriate to allow regularisation of unauthorised quarrying. Defending the decision, the Minister said that a court order too had suggested a similar approach to resolve the problem. However, the final call on regularisation in each case would be taken by the Mines and Geology Department officials after assessing the situation, he added.

Sites for wives of martyrs

The Cabinet also decided to amend the rules to extend the present quota of 5% cent reservation in sites developed by urban development authorities to wives of martyrs and ex-servicemen.

It gave clearance for upgrading 114 urban welfare centres into Namma Clinics with Central assistance under PM-ABHIM scheme. The Cabinet also cleared a proposal to upgrade 847 health subcentres by providing additional staff at a cost of ₹71.5 crore. The Minister said presently these centres were being managed by health workers.It gave post facto permission to expand the bus terminal at Kalasipalyam in Bengaluru at a cost of ₹63 crore.

The Cabinet decided to allocate ₹12.5 crore to Women and Child Development Corporation to implement Spurthi programme of creating public awareness against child marriages and train girls in skill-based education. The scheme will be implemented in 11 taluks of Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Kalaburagi, Raichur, and Belagavi districts. It also gave permission for sanctioning ₹72 crore for building Narayana Guru residential schools in Uttara Kannada, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, and Shivamogga districts as per the Budget proposal.

'Polls a battle between ideals of Gandhi, Godse'

Hariprasad accuses Modi of doing 'political tourism' in State ahead of elections

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B.K. Hariprasad

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council B.K. Hariprasad has said the upcoming Legislative Assembly elections will be a fight between the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, represented by the Congress, and those of his assassin, Nathuram Godse, represented by the ruling BJP.

At a meet-the-press programme organised by the Press Club of Bangalore on Friday, Mr. Hariprasad claimed that the Congress had represented communal harmony and peace while the BJP had been advocating communal hatred and divisive politics. The BJP had been following the principles of Godse and appealing to families to keep swords in their homes. "We are giving children pens and pencils to have education, but BJP leaders are giving knives and *talwar* (sword)," he said.

"The voters of Karnataka have to choose between Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of love, peace and harmony, and Godse's ideals of fear and hatred," Mr. Hariprasad said.

"I know the *jataka* (horoscope) of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah before they became active in politics. I know their social, economic and political backgrounds. They spew venom and indulge in politics of vengeance," said Mr. Hariprasad, who lost the 2019 Lok Sabha election against Tejasvi Surya (BJP) in Bengaluru South constituency.

Taking a dig at Mr. Modi, Congress leader said the former was embarked on "political tourism" of Karnataka ahead of the Assembly elections. Mr. Modi spent 28 days in Gujarat for the election campaign. Now, he has started visiting Karnataka frequently. Mr Modi visited Hubballi, Yadgir, and Kalaburagi in a span of less than 10 days.

"The BJP has nothing to showcase before the voters of Karnataka. BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel has been asking his party workers to speak on issues such as hijab, halal, ghar wapsi, love jihad, and communal hatred to fetch votes and divert attention of the people from real issues," the Congress leader said.

Asked about differences between the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar, he said, "The coming elections are a matter of survival for both leaders."

On the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's remarks that Mr. Modi advised BJP leaders to make prompt efforts to take Muslims into confidence, Mr. Hariprasad said, "Mr. Modi spews only violence and communalism." The former Congress MP alleged that doing politics in the name of religion was the BJP's political strategy.

Budget session from Feb. 10

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The Budget session of the Karnataka legislature will begin on February 10 with an address by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and the State Budget will be presented by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on February 17. This was decided at the State Cabinet meeting on Friday.

Briefing media persons after the meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said the Governor would address a joint session of the State legislature on February 10. The Minister said the Cabinet pondered over holding the session for 15 days. However, the business advisory committee of the legislature would decide on the duration of the session based on the views of the legislators as most of them would be preoccupied with election-related work, he said.

A large number of legislators, cutting across political affiliations, had favoured early winding up of the State legislature session in Belagavi in December 2022 citing preparations for the Assembly elections, which are expected to be held in March or April.

Among others things, the Cabinet decided to extend the benefit of the scheme for one-time-settlement (OTS) of dues pending towards the Karnataka State Finance Corporation to the loans given by the corporation after 2003 too.

Earlier, such a benefit had been given to only those who had borrowed till October 31, 2003, the Minister said.

The Cabinet gave permission to a proposal to increase the cess being collected by sugar factories.

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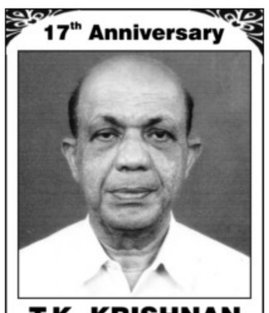

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The quasquicentennial celebration of Karwar's Hindu High School, a pioneer in the field of education in Uttara Kannada, will culminate with a three-day event from Saturday.

The Hindu High School was founded on January 2, 1897, by Vaman Mangesh Dubhashi Regvedi and Hari Babu Kamat with only one student and two teachers. This school was started 35 years after Karwar town was founded by the British who made it the district headquarters.

Slew of events

The former Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana will inaugurate the celebrations on Saturday. On Sunday, seminars on "21st century learning" will be held. Also, a team from Bengaluru will conduct a training session on skill development. The celebration will conclude with a prize distribution ceremony on Monday.

Kala Pradarshan will be held on all the three days. Besides, there will be an exhibition of paintings, stamps, numismatics and antiques.

Talking about its rich history, senior advocate S.P. Kamat, president, Karwar Education Society, that runs Hindu High School and many other educational institutions in the district, said that the school has evolved into a prestigious institution of Uttara Kanada despite facing numerous hurdles.

Modernisation

As part of the centenary year celebrations in 1997, the management took up several development projects, says Mr. Kamat, who took over the reins of the society in 1984.

The centenary building has 23 fully-equipped classrooms with elevator facilities for physically-challenged children and a big hall. The future plans include integrating classes 11 and 12 as per a government directive and converting about 80 classrooms into smart classrooms, he added.

PSI job scam: ED starts probe

Raids conducted on residences and premises linked to the accused in Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI/BENGALURU

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has begun a probe into the police sub-inspector (PSI) recruitment scam that has allegedly seen several crores of rupees exchange hands as bribe.

The ED has registered an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 in the case and raided several premises related to the scam-accused hailing from Kalaburagi and who are out on bail, on Thursday.

Raids were conducted on the residences and premises linked to the scam's kingpin Rudragowda Patil, his brother Mahantesh Patil, Divya Hagaragi, Kashinath, and Manjunath Melkundi. ED officials questioned the accused on several financial transactions.

A file photo of an accused in the PSI job scam with police.

Several candidates allegedly paid in the range of ₹30 to ₹80 lakh for their answer sheets to be manipulated and give them high scores, pushing them up in the rank list. The CID has chargesheeted several officials posted at Police Recruitment Cell, including Amrit Paul, Additional Director-General of Police, who was then heading the Police Recruitment Cell and is now suspended.

The chargesheet alleges that conduits had collected ₹2 crore as bribe for the officials and even recovered ₹41 lakh in cash from one such person. "There has been a lot of bribe money that has exchanged hands and laundered in the PSI recruitment scam, which prompted us to refer the case to the ED," a senior police official said.

Meanwhile, even as ED raided the house of Rudragowda Patil in Kalaburagi, the accused who had been violating bail conditions in the case and evading CID officials, was present there. However, as CID officials tried to arrest him in a Tumakuru case also related to the PSI recruitment scam, he allegedly distracted the team and fled by house jumping the compound wall.

Recently, the CID had sought the cancellation of bail granted to Rudragowda Patil since he was absconding from the day he was granted conditional bail by the Kalaburagi Bench of the High Court of Karnataka on December 15. The CID in a petition said that the accused was violating the bail conditions.

The Hindu Education Plus overseas learning fair to be held in six cities

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Hindu Education Plus will organise the 19th edition of the International Education Fair in six cities from January 26.

The event will bring together delegates from consulates, about 50 international universities and colleges under one roof. The fair will provide a holistic opportunity for students to gather information on overseas education.

Seminars and scholarships, visa counselling and discussions on financial assistance for students will also be part of the fair. The event will be held in Hyderabad on January 26 in Taj Vivanta; in Vijayawada at Taj Gateway on January 28 and, in Bengaluru at Christ University and Ramaiah University on January 30 and 31 respectively.

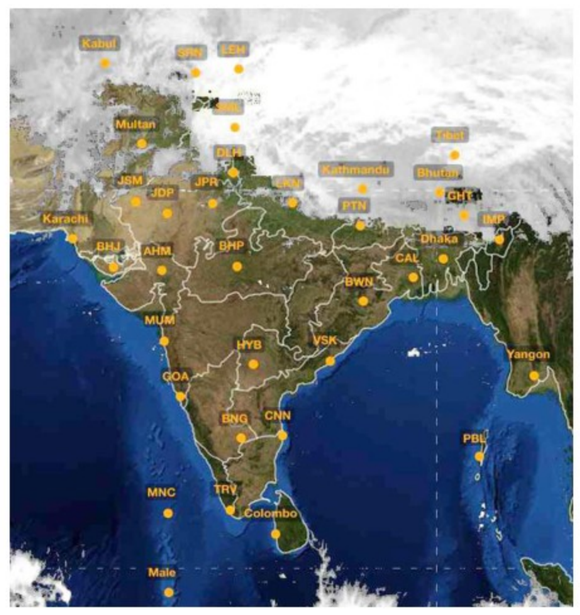
In Tamil Nadu, the fair will be held in Coimbatore at Taj Vivanta and Kumaraguru College of Technology on February 1 and 2 respectively, and in Chennai at Loyola College on February 5 and 6 at Loyola College.

In Kochi, the fair will be held at Taj Gateway on February 8. The event is presented by MPower Financing and powered by Learners Cortex and Magoosh and the venue partners are Christ University, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Kumaraguru Institutions and Loyola College. The regional banking partner is SBI. Registered students can take a free mock GRE/GMAT test at the venue.

To register, go to bit.ly/IEF2023 or scan the QR code.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Odisha

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	25.1	8.0	Kozhikode	—	34.4	22.2
Ahmedabad	—	29.3	11.7	Kurnool	—	31.1	17.5
Aizawl	—	—	—	Lucknow	—	22.1	6.0
Allahabad	—	22.5	5.8	Madurai	—	32.6	17.6
Bengaluru	—	26.6	14.0	Mangaluru	—	33.2	20.2
Bhopal	—	—	12.5	Mumbai	—	29.7	17.2
Bhubaneswar	—	29.4	18.2	Mysuru	—	31.0	10.0
Chandigarh	0.1	16.9	10.2	New Delhi	—	23.1	10.6
Chennai	—	30.1	22.5	Patna	—	23.0	7.5
Coimbatore	—	29.6	16.8	Port Blair	—	31.4	24.8
Dehradun	8	17.4	10.0	Puducherry	—	30.2	19.0
Gangtok	—	13.0	4.1	Pune	—	31.3	14.7
Goa	—	32.8	19.5	Raipur	—	30.8	17.2
Guwahati	—	24.9	8.9	Ranchi	—	25.4	9.6
Hubballi	—	30.0	16.0	Shillong	—	15.2	4.7
Hyderabad	—	29.4	17.2	Shimla	6	4.1	2.9
Imphal	—	23.8	2.2	Srinagar	1	4.3	-0.1
Jaipur	—	21.1	9.9	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.6	20.1
Kochi	—	30.8	21.8	Tiruchi	—	31.1	19.0
Kohima	—	16.0	4.0	Vijayawada	—	29.6	19.4
Kolkata	—	24.7	13.0	Visakhapatnam	—	30.2	22.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	32	126	67	162	134	
Bengaluru	2	15	21	—	142	
Chennai	22	39	45	205	130	
Delhi	13	104	44	271	255	
Hyderabad	12	6	65	109	103	
Kolkata	5	29	78	306	204	
Lucknow	16	78	78	371	350	
Mumbai	59	262	10	315	171	
Pune	5	9	43	24	23	
Visakhapatnam	—	54	11	196	193	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 454 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Chamarajanagar, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 42

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP Head Office, Ground Floor, Annex-3 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: DCF/TENDER/08/2022-23 Date: 20-01-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (CALL-2)

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike invites Tender for **Production and Maintenance of 14x20 Woven Sacks Bags Seedlings in BBMP Nurseries** from eligible bidders for the following.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Work Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Production and Maintenance of "14x20" HDPE Woven Sacks Bags 25000 seedlings in BBMP, Bommanahalli Zone, Block-1, Kuddlu Nursery During 2022-23.	27.00	54,000/-

Calendar of Events: **1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 21-01-2023. 2)** Last Date and Time for Uploading Online Queries in e-Procurement is **24-01-2023 upto 5.00 PM. 3)** Date and Time of Pre Bid Meeting: **25-01-2023 at 4.30 PM at the Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP Head Office, Ground Floor, Annex-3 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002, E-mail: dcfbbmp12@gmail.com. 4)** Last Date and Time for Uploading of Tenders in e-Procurement Portal is **30-01-2023 upto 5.00 PM. 5)** Date and Time of Online Opening of Tender is **31-01-2023 at 5.30 PM. (Online at E-Procurement Portal). 6)** Address for Communication: **Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP Head Office, Ground Floor, Annex-3 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002, E-mail: dcfbbmp12@gmail.com.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shanthinagara Division, PUB 9th Floor, M.G. Road, Bengaluru- 560 001.

No.: EE/SN/Tender-17/Corri-1/2022-23 Date : 20.01.2023

CORRIGENDUM-1

The tender notification called for total no. of 04 works through e-procurement vide **Ref. No (1): EE/SN/TEND/17/2022-23 Dated: 09.01.2023,** the works in Sl. No. 03 & Sl. No. 04 of Shanthinagar Division are cancelled due to technical reasons. further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned and e-procurement website : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shanthinagar Division.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURIES
5th & 6th Floor, KPCL Green Building, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560001. Ph: 080-22867700, Fax: 080-22860142

No. COT/PROC/32/2022-23 Date: 19-01-2023

RFP FOR PROCUREMENT OF LOAD BALANCERS

Department of Treasuries invites tender for **"RFP for Procurement of Load Balancers"**
Tender details are available at the e-Procurement Platform and tenders shall be Submitted Electronically at **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Date: 19-01-2023 **Sd/-**
DIPR/CP/4210/Adverto/2022-23 **Commissioner of Treasuries**

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E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION - (KW- 1, 2, 3 & 4)

THESE WORKS ARE GENARAL & SC CONTRACTORS
1) Notification No & Date: PWD/RDN/TS-4/TN/2022-23/5770 Date: 18-01-2023 2) Name of work's: Raichur District Total 25 work's Raichur Manvi, Deodurga Lingasugur & Sindhanur taluk Different types of roads, Building and other development works. 3) Amount of works: Min Rs. 1016536.82 Max Rs. 82270985.01 4) EMD Amount Min Rs. 12800.00 Max Rs. 1235000.00 5) Period (including Manson): Min 2 (Two) Months Max 11 (Eleven) Months 6) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender: 03/02/2023 16:00:00 7) Date and Time for Opening of Tender : 04/02/2023 16:30:00
For More details visit this website https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

SD/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PWD Division, RAICHUR.

DIP/Raichur/554/MC&A/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CE(E)/TZH/SE(E)/EE(C)/37/2022-23/24643-49 Date: 19.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites tenders through e-Procurement mode tender from registered KPWD Civil Contractors having EPF registration and fulfilling the all other requirements as in NIT (of e-procurement), for the execution of 4 No's of Capital Works (within Dakshina Kannada and Hassan District Jurisdiction): Work Indent No: 10235, 10236, 10233 (All are CALL-1) & 9832 (CALL-3), (All the works for general).

Inerested Tenderers directly can access the tendering website https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in with hyper Link 'e-Procurement-KPTCL or to https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on / after 23.01.2023. Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy., Transmission Zone KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavana, 3rd Floor, Santhepete, B.M. Road, Hassan- 573 201. Phone: 08172-231051

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-2/F-114/22-23/CYS-131 Date: 20.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites E-Tenders in the prescribed form from Super Grade Licensed Electrical Contractor for the following work in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere on **Partial Turnkey Basis**. **Bid Enquiry No.** KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE/AEE-2/22-23/84 Date: 20.01.2023. Name of the Work: Tender for Augmentation of 1x12.5MVA, 66/11KV power transformer by 1x20MVA, 66/11KV power transformer at 66/11KV Sirigere Sub-station in Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District. Tenders will be accepted through e-Procurement Mode Only. For Further details, prospective bidders are advised to log on to website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** & click on to hyperlink e-procurement-kptcl to participate in e-procurement portal **on or after 21.01.2023.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere. Ph: 08192-250774

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Office of The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Chickballapura Ph: 08156-270058
E-mail ID: **eerdwsd.ckb2@gmail.com**

No.: EE/R.D.W.& S.D./C.Pura/ Tender/ A.E.-2/2022-23 Date: 16.01.2023

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(Through e-Procurement Portal)

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Regd. Office: TTMC 'A' Block, 5th Floor, BMTC Building, Shanthinagar, K. H. Road, Bengaluru-560 027.
Phone: 080-2227 8813 / 14 / 15 / 16, Fax No.080-2221 3172, Website: www.ksmc.karnataka.gov.in

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tender Reference:	No.KSMCL/PROD/TIOM/257/Tender/C&S/2022-23/2904
Commencement to Download from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in:	**From 20/01/2023**
Last date for receiving pre-bid queries :	**30/01/2023 at 5:00 p.m.**
Pre-bid meeting at H O of KSMCL;	**01/02/2023 at 11:30 am**
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Ref. No: 83179/(KOP-DC-11/57/2022-PD(DUDC)_KOPDC-KOPPAL DC) Date: 19-01-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION E-Procurement

The Executive Engineer, Koppal District, Koppal invites tenders from Contractors who are eligible for, Chief Ministers Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Scheme in CMC Koppal and CMC Gangavati Urban Local Body limit in Koppal District of Karnataka State as per Price Schedule listed in E-Procurement Portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Brief Description: 1.CMC Koppal Indent No: DMA/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT139964/Call-2. **Approximate value of work (Rs. In Lakhs):** 279.80. **EMD (in Lakhs):** 4.96. **Period of Completion (Months):** 09

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Available of Tender Forms (Through Online): **21-01-2023 10:00 AM.** Tender Quarries and Pre bid Meeting: **30-01-2023 11:00 AM.** Last Date for Submission of Tender: **04-02-2023 5:30 PM.** Date of Technical Bid opening Tenders: **06-02-2023 10.30 AM**

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Buying property abroad

London, Dubai, Singapore and Australia have been perennial favourites for Indians interested in buying real estate in foreign countries, says **Anuj Puri**

Typical San Francisco neighbourhood in California. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

INVESTING ABROAD

The trend of Indians buying properties abroad is more than a couple of decades old, but the interest in such acquisitions keeps fluctuating with the Indian economy that has a fairly direct correlation to purchasing power. Job prospects and family presence in the target country, and the country's changing immigration laws are other reasons that impact decisions.

Many NRI investors will elect to buy a property in a certain country if its property market sees a downturn and prices become attractive. We had seen this happening during the U.S. subprime crisis, and more lately during the Brexit angst in the U.K.

As of today, a considerable number of young Indians from the entrepreneurial set, the new rich, those with settled families abroad, and those with upcoming or existing business interests in a certain country will consider buying a property there. The relaxed Reserve Bank of India norms for outward remittances also lure Indians to consider investing in properties abroad.

The key reasons for Indians looking beyond India for property are investment, the aspiration of having a second home there, serious plans to emigrate, and for self-use due to business interests.

Many Indians today send their children abroad for studies and may eventually consider buying a property in the country concerned – subject, of course, to the existing immigration laws.

Where do they buy?

Depending on their purchasing power, objectives and plans in the target country, Indians may opt for affordable housing in the outskirts of main cities, compact office-cum-residences closer to the city centres or, in the case of the very wealthy, condos and townhouses in the most aspirational neighbourhoods.

Of late, some residential projects in Dubai have come into more or less the same price range as those prevailing for upper-mid-income projects in Pune, Bengaluru and the suburbs of Mumbai

London, Dubai, Singapore and Australia have been more or less perennial favourites for Indians interested in buying real estate in foreign countries. There is also evidence of increasing interest in Sri Lanka, specifically in Colombo, and in West Asia.

While major American cities like New York and New Jersey also numbered among the favourite destinations, they don't really qualify anymore except for those who can invest at least $1 million, generate a certain number of jobs there and thereby qualify for permanent green cards.

Does all this make sense? It depends. Owning a property abroad is definitely a highly aspirational concept and can also yield good returns on investment. It makes complete sense for those who already have family or business interests in a certain country.

However, end-users can only really benefit from a property abroad if they stand a good chance of obtaining citizenship or at the very least residential status there. As a pure investment, it can be a risky proposition for resident Indians.

Much depends on how well the market there works for absentee landlords in general and foreign absentee landlords in particular. And again, changing immigration and property ownership laws in a country can impact the overall viability of the investment.

To illustrate, one cannot predict with any degree of certainty how such matters will swing in the U.S. or the U.K. Also, despite the increased outward remittance ceiling, the RBI still limits the amount of money an individual can invest abroad every year, though the limit effectively doubles if a couple pools their individual investment ceilings.

Moreover, a foreign-shored property bought by an Indian couple can become a major legal complication if they decide to separate.

Steep rise

Finally, it does still come down to purchasing power. Housing rates in London, New York or central Singapore are comparable to ultra-luxury housing prices in South Mumbai or central Delhi, priced beyond ₹15-25 crore. Some projects in Dubai have come into more or less the same price range as those prevailing for upper-mid-income projects in Pune, Bengaluru and the suburbs of Mumbai and Navi Mumbai (priced above ₹2-3 crore).

While the cheaper far suburbs of most cities are options, the viability of buying into them would depend on how well intra-city commuting works there. All this requires a fairly sound understanding of the foreign city of interest. Like in the case of NRIs looking at buying properties in India, the lack of such knowledge could result in a disastrous purchase decision.

Notably, more NRIs prefer investing in Indian real estate over stocks, mutual funds, gold, and fixed deposits.

The demand for bigger homes has been one of the defining new developments in the post-COVID era. While schools and offices have reopened, the desire for extra living space remains undiminished. Many of the large IT employers companies and IT-driven start-ups now operate on a hybrid work model. For NRIs, the favourable exchange rate is another prime motivator to secure bigger homes.

"Despite the worst of COVID-19 now in the past, NRIs have clearly not forgotten the uncertainties associated with living in a foreign country during a major pandemic," says Prashant Thakur, Sr. Director & Head, Research, ANAROCK Group.

"Securing homes in India became, and remains, a priority for Indians everywhere. While domestic homeownership sentiment remains strong despite hardening home loan interest rates and property prices, the depreciating rupee value against the U.S. dollar gives NRIs a distinct advantage."

The writer is Chairman, ANAROCK Group.

NRI wish list

- A majority of NRIs in the latest CII-ANAROCK Consumer Sentiment Survey will buy properties in any of these three cities: Hyderabad (22%), NCR (20%), Bengaluru (18%). In last year's corresponding period survey, Bengaluru, Pune and Chennai were the top picks.
- Over 77% NRI respondents want bigger homes – 54% seek 3BHKs, 23% prefer 4BHKs and just 22% will consider 2BHKs; in pre-COVID survey, 40% preferred 2BHKs.
- 63% NRI respondents currently prefer premium homes priced from ₹90 lakh to ₹1.5 crore; in last year's survey, 59% NRIs preferred luxury homes priced between ₹1.5 and ₹2.5 crore.

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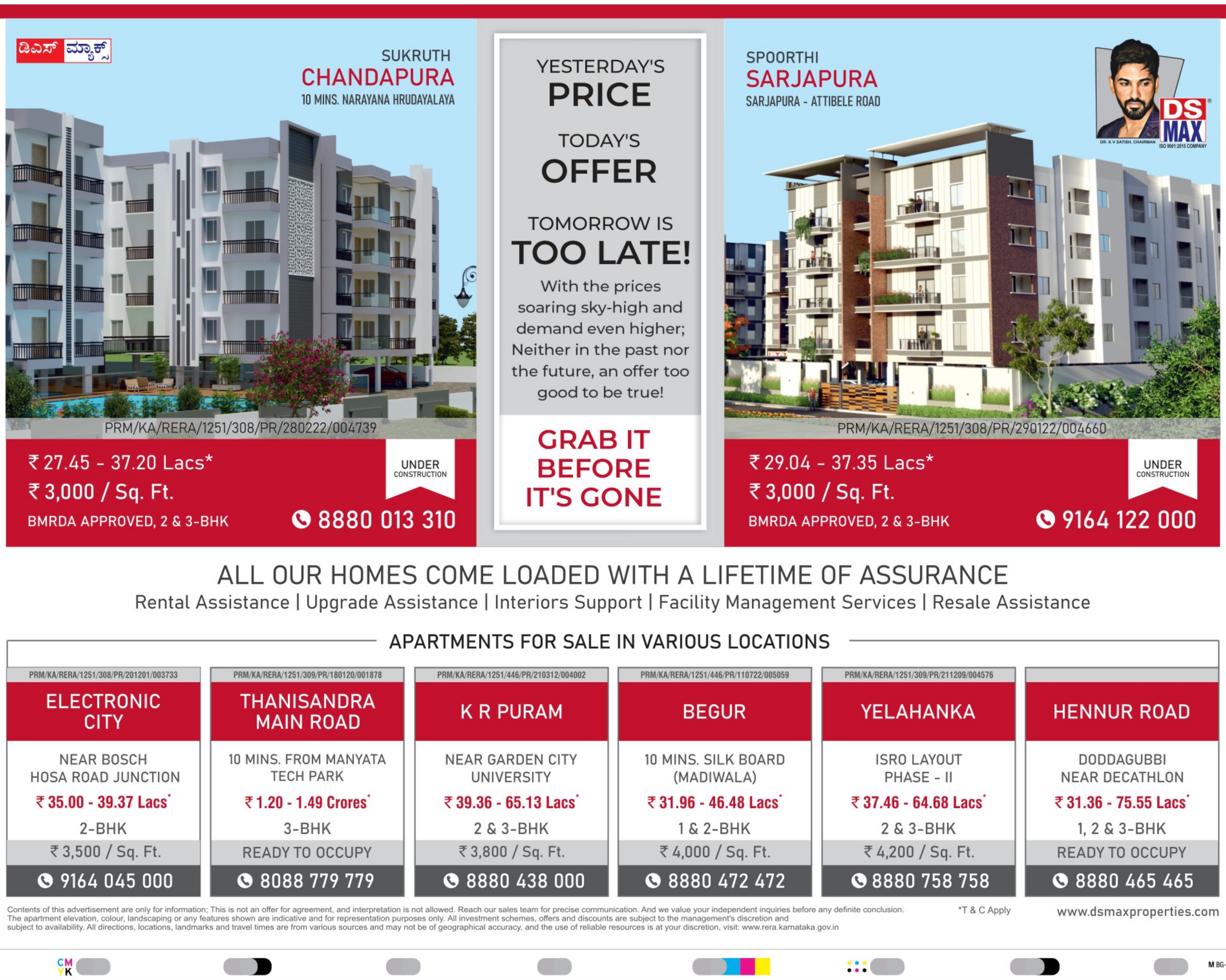
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Trade winds

The worst effects of faltering western economies are yet to hit Indian exports

December 2022 marked the steepest fall in two years for India's goods exports, with products worth $34.5 billion shipped out – 12.2% lower than a year ago. This was the second time in three months that shipments dropped year-on-year and top Commerce Ministry officials sought to calm nerves by citing the global headwinds that were posing challenges for Indian merchandise. These include the clouds of recession blowing through Europe and the U.S., the COVID-19 situation in China and a reversion towards protectionism in some markets. To be clear, a high base effect also played a role in exaggerating the year-on-year export dip in December. December 2021 had clocked the second highest exports (worth $39.3 billion) in 2021-22, when India's goods shipments crossed a record $422 billion. The world's trade dynamics have been altered since then, as the momentum swung from a strong post-pandemic pent-up rebound to a stuttering growth trajectory amid soaring inflation and geopolitical muddling, with the Ukraine-Russia conflict counting as only one of the many shocks to the global economy through 2022.

Amid these tumultuous times, a month-on-month reading of export trends is perhaps a better way to gauge the situation. For now, December's export numbers, even if lifted by the last batches of pre-holiday festive shipments reaching their destined shores, hold up well on this front *vis-à-vis* October and November's initial trade estimates. The other silver lining is that imports also contracted 3.5% in December, the first such instance since November 2020, although they remained flat sequentially at around $58.2 billion. For the first nine months of 2022-23, India's goods exports are still 9.1% higher than a year ago, slightly lower than the 11.1% rise recorded till November 2022. Some agencies expect the global recession to hit demand for Indian goods far harder in the current quarter so much so that the full year could still end up with a shrinkage in exports. In December itself, new export orders grew at the slowest pace in five months as firms struggled in key export markets, as per the S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index. The latest data on U.S. retail sales signal the sharpest slump in 12 months even as industrial output has tanked, signalling that demand for finished goods or inputs is set to slacken further in India's top export destination. With China reopening, competition is expected to intensify even as demand shrinks. Some recent government moves such as fixing glitches in a duty remission scheme for exports and lifting curbs on iron ore shipments have helped, but more macro- and swifter micro-policy actions are warranted to keep the export engine chugging.

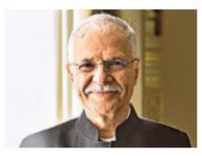
Aging factory

The decline in China's population will affect the rest of the world too

The last time China's population saw a decline was in 1961, in the midst of a devastating four-year famine following Mao's failed "Great Leap Forward" campaign. The latest decline in population, however, is no blip. The shrinking of the world's most populous country by as much as 8,50,000 in 2022 marks a watershed moment with lasting consequences for China and the world. Beijing announced on January 17 that births in China last year dropped by more than 10% to 9.56 million, with 10.41 million deaths. The 1.411 billion population will certainly be overtaken by India's this year. China's population story holds lessons for countries that have tried robust interventions in social engineering. China has spent the greater part of two decades trying – and failing – to get families to boost birth rates that have been declining since the government introduced a harsh "one-child policy" in 1980. The belated introduction in 2016 of a "two-child policy" to course correct was not met with the enthusiasm that planners had expected for a relaxation announced with fanfare. A government survey found that 70% would not have more children citing financial reasons.

China's economy is already feeling the impact of demographic change. The 16-59 working age population (2022), was 875 million, a decline of around 75 million since 2010. Wages are rising, and labour-intensive jobs are moving out, predominantly to Southeast Asia. The above-60 population, meanwhile, had increased by 30 million to 280 million. The number of elderly will peak at 487 million by 2050 (35% of the population). China's National Working Commission on Ageing estimates spending on health care for the elderly will take up 26% of the GDP by 2050. Signs are China is already on track to follow Japan's example of a prolonged period of a shrinking workforce with declining growth. As a paper from Japan's Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry pointed out, the proportion of child and elderly populations in China as of 2020 was similar to Japan's in 1990. Moreover, China reached this inflection point faster, with its fertility rate falling from 2.74 to 1.28 in the preceding four-decade period, while Japan's fell from 1.75 to 1.29. The paper pointed out that India's proportion of child and elderly population in 2020 was similar to China's in 1980, just when its economic boom took off. That was made possible only by making the most of its demographic dividend by investing heavily in health care and education to fashion a workforce capable of powering what would become the world's factory.

There is hardly any autonomy at the panchayat level



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A few weeks ago, Balineni Tirupati, an up-sarpanch in Telangana's Jayashankar Bhupalpally district, committed suicide due to indebtedness. He had taken out a loan to undertake development works in the village and was unable to bear the burden after the State government's inordinate delay in releasing bill payments.

A few days before the incident, a few sarpanchs from the incumbent Bharatiya Rashtra Samiti (BRS) – Telangana's ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti now renamed as the BRS – resigned from office and voiced their anger at not receiving government funds for nearly a year.

Sarpanchs alleged that the failure of the State government to release funds in time has forced them to utilise either private resources or borrow large amounts to complete panchayat activities and meet various targets.

More than three decades after the 73rd and 74th Amendment Acts, which gave constitutional status to local governments, State governments, through the local bureaucracy, continue to exercise considerable discretionary authority and influence over panchayats. In India, the powers of local elected officials (such as these sarpanchs in Telangana) remain seriously circumscribed by State governments and local bureaucrats in multiple ways, thereby diluting the spirit of the constitutional amendments seeking to empower locally elected officials.

We analysed statutory provisions of Panchayat Acts in various States and spoke to several sarpanchs and local bureaucrats to assess the extent of decentralisation of powers to panchayats. It quickly became very clear to us that sarpanchs need to have administrative or financial autonomy for meaningful decentralisation.

The issue of funding

Gram panchayats remain fiscally dependent on grants (both discretionary and non-discretionary grants) from the State and the Centre for everyday activities. Broadly, panchayats have three main sources of funds – their own sources of revenue (local taxes, revenue from common property resources, etc.), grants in aid from the Centre and State governments, and discretionary or scheme-based funds. Their own sources of revenue (both tax and non-tax) constitute a tiny proportion of overall panchayat funds. For instance, in Telangana, less than a quarter of a panchayat's revenue comes from its own sources of revenue.

> The powers of local elected officials remain curtailed by State governments and local bureaucrats in multiple ways, thereby diluting the spirit of the constitutional amendments aimed at local empowerment

Further, access to discretionary grants for panchayats remains contingent on political and bureaucratic connections.

Even when higher levels of government allocate funds to local governments, sarpanchs need help accessing them. An inordinate delay in transferring approved funds to panchayat accounts stalls local development. In Telangana, this has forced sarpanchs to use private funds for panchayat activities to fulfil mandated targets and avoid public pressure. Delays in the disbursement of funds by the local bureaucracy have led to pressure on sarpanchs leading some to end their life.

There are also severe constraints on how panchayats can use the funds allocated to them. State governments often impose spending limits on various expenditures through panchayat funds. This could include quotidian activities such as purchasing posters of national icons, refreshments for visiting dignitaries, or distributing sweets in a local school at national festivals.

Moreover, in almost all States, there is a system of double authorisation for spending panchayat funds. Apart from sarpanchs, disbursal of payments requires bureaucratic concurrence. The sarpanch and the panchayat secretary, who reports to the Block Development Officer (BDO), must co-sign cheques issued for payments from panchayat funds.

The taxing process of seeking approvals

State governments also bind local governments' through the local bureaucracy. Approval for public works projects often requires technical approval (from the engineering department) and administrative approval from local officials of the rural development department, such as the block development officer, a tedious process for sarpanchs that requires paying multiple visits to government offices. It is also not unusual to find higher-level politicians and bureaucrats intervening in selecting beneficiaries for government programmes and limiting the power of sarpanchs further. We surveyed sarpanchs in Haryana's Palwal district and found that they spend a substantial amount of time visiting government offices and meeting local bureaucrats, and waiting to be seen or heard. Sarpanchs reported that they need to be in the "good books" of politicians and local bureaucrats if they wanted access to discretionary resources, timely disbursement of funds, and be able to successfully execute any project or programme in their village.

The ability of sarpanchs to exercise administrative control over local employees is also limited. In many States, the recruitment of local functionaries reporting to the panchayat, such as village watchmen or sweepers, is conducted at the district or block level. Often the sarpanch does not even have the power to dismiss these local-level employees.

The shadow of bureaucrats

Unlike elected officials at other levels, sarpanchs can be dismissed while in office. Gram Panchayat Acts in many States have empowered district-level bureaucrats, mostly district Collectors, to act against sarpanchs for official misconduct. For instance, Section 37 of the Telangana Gram Panchayat Act allows District Collectors to suspend and dismiss incumbent ssarpanchs. On what grounds can Collectors act against sarpanchs? Apart from abuse of power, embezzlement, or misconduct, the conditions include mere refusal to "carry out the orders of the District Collector or Commissioner or Government for the proper working of the concerned Gram Panchayat".

This is not merely a legal provision. Across the country, there are regular instances of bureaucrats deciding to dismiss sarpanchs from office. In Telangana, more than 100 sarpanchs have been dismissed from office in recent years. In one such case, the official reason was a protest (by boycotting an official programme) against the denial of land for an electric substation.

The situation in Telangana is a reminder for State governments to re-examine the provisions of their respective Gram Panchayat laws and consider greater devolution of funds, functions, and functionaries to local governments. State-level politicians and government officials resist giving sarpanchs power because they feel that sarpanchs will misuse funds allocated to a village. This is a case of the pot calling the kettle black. India has limited decentralisation because if local governments get genuine autonomy to allocate the monies, power will shift from the MLAs and State government-controlled bureaucracy to the sarpanch.

A G20 presidency to amplify South Asia's voice

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At a time of both potential and peril, India has taken over the G20 presidency. The global food, energy, and financial crises have been exacerbated by the climatic crisis and India has a unique opportunity to lead from the front of one of the most influential global platforms. India has identified several priorities, i.e. green development, climate finance and LiFE (lifestyle for environment); accelerated, inclusive and resilient growth; accelerating progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); technological transformation and digital public infrastructure; multilateral reforms; and women-led development. Given that the priorities are global, the motto "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*", or "One Earth, One Family, One Future", underscores how interconnected our world is.

Problems that need group action

The majority of problems that South Asian countries face are global in nature, transcend national borders, and necessitate group effort. The economic forecast for South Asia is bleak for the coming year. In August 2022, inflation in Sri Lanka reached an all-time high of 64.3% as food prices rose by 84.6% compared to a year ago. Damage caused by floods and economic losses in Pakistan amount to more than $30 billion with an estimated restoration cost of more than $16 billion. As global fossil fuel prices have increased, the Government of Bangladesh hiked fuel prices by more than 50% that triggered inflation of 7.5% in September, 2022.

India needs to promote collective action at the G20 that results in economic stability and peace in the region. Providing a common regional voice is not an easy undertaking at a time when economies in the region are under considerable stress and there are emerging geopolitical polarisations on the horizon. Rising debt burdens of South Asian economies represent a potential crisis that require urgent attention. India has an opportunity to effectively voice the socio-economic aspirations of South Asia's 1.8 billion people, representing one-third of the global poor and as also one of the world's fastest growing markets.

> As the only G20 member from South Asia and when multilateralism itself is experiencing a crisis, India's G20 leadership is an ideal opportunity for New Delhi to build an effective platform

As South Asia's largest country with the largest economy and significant global clout, India is well poised to represent the subcontinent at these international fora. In addition, three G20 emerging economies – India, Indonesia, and Brazil – collectively make up the G20 troika to be followed by another important G20 developing member, i.e. South Africa, the G20 President for 2025. Hence, India can draw attention to issues that are significant for South Asia and the entire developing world, ensuring greater momentum for those nations not represented in the G20. Some of the key challenges facing South Asia and the developing world include a post-pandemic recovery, a surge in commodity prices following inflationary pressures, and inclement weather induced by climate change.

Energy, health and finance

The majority of South Asian nations produce their energy from fossil fuels; 63% of the region's emissions of greenhouse gases come from energy generation. Since dollars are short in supply, it has become challenging for countries to keep up with energy production. Liquefied natural gas (LNG) used to generate 70% of the energy needs of Bangladesh, while coal used to generate roughly 70% of the electricity needed in India. Green energy transition is one of the top priorities for this region. Improving health infrastructure is quite important for South Asia and the G20 agenda. The discussion of global cooperation needs to go beyond technology transfers and financial aid to cover losses and damages brought on by climate change. For South Asia, it is important that multilateral organisations and development finance institutes supporting economic development and good governance are reformed as these countries are major stakeholders for these global institutes. India needs to prioritise all these issues not only to make the G20 an effective platform but also to be the voice of billions in the region and beyond.

Charting the way forward

Being the only G20 member from South Asia, India has added responsibilities since many non-G20 nations (particularly those in the global South) look upon India to represent their interests at the G20, whose choices have an impact on their future prosperity and well-being. All eyes are on India's G20 leadership to provide a road map to tackle some of the major challenges before the subcontinent at a time when multilateralism itself is experiencing a crisis of relevance.

Because wealthy economies have disproportionate power and influence in determining the rules of engagement on international cooperation, trade, and finance, global governance is historically tilted in their favour. Often it ends up having a negative impact on the ability to provide realistic solutions to constituents such as South Asia to address issues such as development, trade, climate action, energy transition and digital transformation. India should use its G20 chair to reform international governance procedures and ensure fair negotiations. As sceptics keep debating the G20's value and significance, the South Asian giant has an opportunity to initiate deliberations, discussions, and debates, in turn resulting in policies that provide pragmatic solutions to pressing concerns affecting its immediate neighbourhood and beyond.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PM's announcement

New Zealand's leader Jacinda Ardern's sudden resignation from the post of Prime Minister is dramatic. But she has also demonstrated what a new generation politician is like. She is a 21st century politician who seems to believe that politics should not be a long-time career and that it is public service which one should do once and step back. Often, politicians lose themselves in the pursuit of power in the name of serving the country and fulfilling their ambitions.

Gregory Fernandes,
Mumbai

Pakistan and peace

Pakistan's 'offer' to India of peace talks will be meaningful only after that country gives commitments in writing on no- war, no-weapons buying and no-terrorism-abetting. Not only the Prime Minister of Pakistan but also the military chief should sign these written commitments. After that, both countries need to conduct bilateral peace talks in quiet and away from the media to ensure that things are on track, progressive and relevant. if he wants to prove that he is a sincere and constructive leader, the Pakistan Prime Minister should not bowl "wide balls" on the Kashmir issue as it will only encourage passions and agitations.

P. Vasudevarao Sreelekha,
Secunderabad

The Pakistan Prime Minister's comments are nothing new. Though the government may initiate talks they are sure to take a different turn as there is a direct conflict over who is the supreme authority in Pakistan, i.e. the government or the Army. Until that is made clear, let us not hope for anything positive.

Arun Kumar Mahadevan,
Chennai

How sincere is Pakistan in its desire for talks? The Pakistan leader not only wants "serious" discussions but also a reversal of policies on Kashmir. "Sitting at the table" will not be possible unless the issue of Article 370 is sorted out. Pakistan's desire to prevent further trouble in the face of its economic and political issues and a resurgent Taliban might have a greater role to play in this declaration than any real wish for peace.

Anany Mishra,
Bhilai, Chhattisgarh

India must now invite the Pakistan leadership to New Delhi. If things go well, the Line of Control should become the Line of Commerce. India and Pakistan should either waive their respective visa requirements or make them obtainable on arrival. Cultural programmes must happen between India and Pakistan.

Imagine the staging of a Bharatanatyam performance in Karachi and a Sufi music concert in Chennai. Can't this happen? Why not? After all, India and Pakistan were cut from the same cloth. They can be stitched again anytime.

K. Pradeep,
Chennai

Hockey again

I recall a cartoon on the centre page of *The Hindu* a decade ago: a cricket bat turning into a hockey stick. Now with the efforts being taken by the Odisha Chief Minister to bring back glory to the game of hockey, other States and entities must lend their support.

Dr. V. Purushothaman,
Chennai

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Erosion in Pratapganj and Mahestola areas of Dhuliyan in West Bengal's Murshidabad district. DEBASISH BHADURI

On the shifting banks of the Ganga

Erosion along the banks of the river has left hundreds of people homeless in West Bengal. **Shiv Sahay Singh** reports from Murshidabad and Malda districts on the changing topography and challenges it poses

A few weeks after several structures, including houses and a crematorium with a Kali temple, were washed away by the river Ganga, villagers at Pratapganj and Mahestola in Murshidabad's Shamsherganj block organised an elaborate puja but to a deity they had never seen or worshipped in the past – a goddess dressed in all-white, seated on a gharial and fish.

"This is Goddess Ganga. The people here are desperate and are trying everything to stop the erosion," says Satyam Sarkar, a member of Bogdadnagar panchayat samiti.

Several houses have been reduced to rubble, and many others are poised precariously on the eroding banks of the vast flowing river along this stretch bordering Dhuliyan municipality.

The extent of erosion is such that thousands of people from nearby and far-off areas started coming here every day, Sarkar, a local Trinamool Congress leader, says. "It was like a *mela* (fair), they were coming to see the erosion. We had to put up barricades to prevent people from coming."

Four months after the massive erosion in September 2022 left hundreds of people homeless, Pratapganj and Mahestola are pictures of devastation. Elaborately built two-storied houses on the edge of the river lie vacant. A part of a road running parallel to the river has caved in, and thousands of sand bags have been placed along the river to prevent further erosion. Now, in the winter, the river flows calmly with several small fishing boats flying Indian flags out in the water.

Delawar Hossain, a friend of Sarkar, says that only a few hundred metres downstream, a burial ground at Sadikpara was swept away this monsoon. "At Kamalpur, my village, which is about 3 km downstream, a masjid, a health centre and a primary school are hanging on the edge and can fall into the river any day," he says.

A primary school and an anganwadi centre at Pratapganj tell the story of sufferings. One room at the anganwadi now serves as home to four families. On a Sunday afternoon, Menaka Ravidas is busy cooking lunch for her family as she narrates how her home was washed away: "It was at about 9 a.m. on September 6, the river was in full spate and in minutes took away our house. Since it was morning and not night, we could somehow escape."

Outside the anganwadi centre, there are few cabins made of jute sticks where families displaced by the Ganga have found shelter. Several families are taking shelter at Pratapganj Primary School after their homes were washed away. Five-six families are huddled in every classroom. Clothes are left to dry across the school compound and children play in the classrooms. For more than two dozen families, there are only two toilets and two bathrooms.

"How can we live like this and for how long?" Jyotsana Sarkar, a woman in her forties, asks. Satyam Sarkar says that he has prepared a list of 140 families who have been displaced, but admits that there is not enough land where they can be accommodated. "We, five brothers, live together," Sarkar says, pointing at their houses and then expressing his greatest fear in a whisper: "The river is only a hundred metres away."

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> **KALYAN RUDRA**
> Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board

In the 'meander belt'

Kalyan Rudra, Chairman of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board and author of *Rivers of the Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna Delta*, describes the erosion of the Ganga both upstream and downstream of the Farakka Barrage as "anthropogenically-induced erosion". He explains that the rivers of Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) delta have a tendency to oscillate and erode in an area which is called the meander belt.

"Normal oscillation of the river was interrupted after the construction of the Farakka Barrage. It reduced the cross-sectional area of the river, it reduced the water holding capacity and compelled the river to change its course," Rudra contends. The primary objective of the Farakka Barrage Project was to divert an adequate quantity of Ganga waters to the Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system through a 38.38-km-long feeder canal for preservation and maintenance of Kolkata Port by improving navigability.

Rudra points out that the barrage has converted the river into a stagnant pool holding 87,000 million cubic metres of water and the river has deposited sediment upstream in Malda, particularly between Farakka and Manikchak. Citing several publications, he says that the sediment load carried annually by the Ganga has been estimated to be around 736-800 million tonnes.

This sediment deposition is leading to the emergence of chars (river islands) in Malda. Here, according to Rudra, the river is eroding on the left bank, and the relatively sediment-free water downstream Farakka is eroding the right bank in Murshidabad; in both these cases, West Bengal is losing land. "If we look at the map of Malda, we see that the river has formed a mighty bend between Manikchak and Farakka Barrage and more than 200 sq. km have been eroded along the left bank of the river," says the river expert. He argues that an urgent exercise is needed to designate the boundary between West Bengal and Jharkhand and identify the chars in the river as West Bengal territory.

It is difficult to locate these bends along the bank of the river in Malda, where the river appears to be several kilometres wide. Despite the calm, uprooted trees, huts razed to ground and large areas on the river bank covered with sand from the river are pointers to how the river impacts the region. In the Hukmatola area of Gopalpur gram panchayat of Malda's Manikchak block, the river bank looks like it has been hit by a tropical storm. Everything seems to be broken, houses, cattle sheds, even trees. A little girl tries to find something from the rubble of what appears to be her house.

A family takes shelter in the Pratapganj Primary School in Murshidabad. DEBASISH BHADURI

On November 21, 2022, the villagers facing recurrent erosion held demonstrations outside the office of the District Magistrate, Malda. They now point at a char that has formed between two banks of the river, exacerbating the erosion on the left bank, something Rudra had referred to. Like in Pratapganj in Murshidabad, Gopalpur gram panchayat's Md Mustafa Sheikh faces a similar situation – there is not enough land to settle the people displaced by erosion.

Point of entry

In Malda, Ratua MLA Samar Mukherjee insists that one needs to see the point from where the Ganga enters West Bengal to understand the complex river morphology and "diagnose the disease" of erosion. He explains that the river enters his constituency at Mahanandatola, where sand is deposited for several hundred metres on the bank of the river. His ancestral house, where he lives alone with several dogs, is less than 500 m from the river.

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> **SARKAR**
> Local Trinamool Congress leader

The mighty river enters the West Bengal plains from Rajmahal hills of Jharkhand's Sahebganj district after a long journey of 2,000 km from the Himalayas as it begins to break away into distributaries. The Ganga divides into two major distributaries, Padma and Bhagirathi-Hooghly, at Mithipur in Murshidabad district, which is located about 40 km downstream of Farakka. The Padma carries the bulk of the discharge, flows about 65 km along the India-Bangladesh border, and finally leaves Indian territory at Jalangi. The Bhagirathi-Hooghly branch, which is fed by waters from the feeder canal of the Farakka Barrage, flows southward from Mithipur for 500 km before merging into the Bay of Bengal at Sagar Island.

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 17, 2022, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee referred to the river erosion in Manikchak block: "In fact, the extent of erosion has been so severe that the distance between the two banks of rivers, the Ganga and the Fulhar, has come down to only 1.5 km at Billaimari village of Manikchak block in Malda district, from its earlier distance of 4 km in 2004, thus posing serious threats to the adjoining villages and even to the safety of the National Highway 131A." She had also written a letter to the Prime Minister on February 21, 2022.

A visit to Billaimari, just adjacent to Mahanandtola, shows that Banerjee's concerns are not unjustified. While the Ganga is eroding on the left bank, the Fulhar is eroding on the right bank, with local residents sandwiched between the two rivers. The entire village of Billaimari seems to be taking shelter on the embankments. A few decades ago, when the Fulhar was overflowing, the villagers sought refuge on the banks of the Ganga; over the past few years, it is Ganga which is in spate. Along the bank of the Ganga, large agricultural fields have turned into desert, with sand deposited by the river. Roads have been swept away, and a remnant of an old bridge can be spotted.

"We are facing erosion every year. This year again we lost a hundred houses," says Abdur Rauf, an elderly villager of Naya Billaimari. Amidst the crowd of villagers is young Shamshul Johar, a daily-wage earner in Kashmir who explains how the changing course of the river changed the course of his life, compelling him to drop out of school. With every year, the river is eating into land, agriculture has suffered and young people like Shamshul have little option but to migrate out for work. They work as construction workers in the western and southern States; and with their savings they build the houses which are in turn swept away by the river.

Villagers at Pratapganj in Murshidabad and Gopalpur and Billaimari in Malda say that boulder pitching along embankments is the only solution to their plight. "We cannot stop the river," points out Rudra, adding that for the past three decades, embankments protection in the form of boulder pitching on the banks has not yielded the desired results. He argues that only engineering solutions will not work and calls for adopting the holistic science of river management as well as comprehensive land use plans for vulnerable areas. Emphasising that the GBM delta is one of the youngest deltas in the world where land is yet to solidify, Rudra says there is a need to generate awareness among the people: "People should understand that this is the land of the river and the river needs space to play."

The Chief Minister, in her communications, highlighted that the Farakka Barrage Project Authority should take up anti-erosion work both upstream and downstream in a more comprehensive manner – which Rudra endorses. He reckons that the number of people displaced by the river in the past few decades is not less than 2,00,000 in Malda and Murshidabad districts, and says the top priority should be rehabilitation of people displaced by the river erosion. He emphasises that people staying on the chars must have access to all civic and social infrastructure, like health and education.

A recent publication, "Impact of floods and river-bank erosion on the riverine people in Manikchak Block of Malda District, West Bengal" by Rakhi Das and Gopa Samanta, details the socio-economic profile of people living in the chars and the riparian mainland: "Migration is a common phenomenon in the study area. People come from Jharkhand and other parts of Manikchak to live in the chars. They live in these temporary houses as they cannot afford to make permanent houses because of high land cost and... uncertainty of land, since it can be washed away by the river at any point of time."

Samanta, a professor at the University of Burdwan, says people living in areas prone to erosion continuously make micro-adjustments to survive, and the chars, where people displaced by the erosion have taken shelter, are largely "ungovernable spaces".

Awaiting solutions

At a meeting of the National Ganga Council in Kolkata on December 30, chaired by the Prime Minister virtually, the Chief Minister raised the issue of erosion in the entire Dhuliyan region (which includes Pratapganj) of Murshidabad district. She blamed the Farakka Barrage for the river erosion.

While the river erodes and eats into the landmass, it has for centuries also remained a subject of awe and veneration. The river erosion is not only limited to Malda and Murshidabad, but is felt in Kolkata and up to the mouth of the river. Recently, parts of Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden set up in 1787 on the western bank of the river in Howrah have also suffered erosion. At the mouth of the river, where it meets the sea at Gangasagar, every year on the occasion of Makar Sankranti, lakhs of people descend on Sagar Island to take a dip. The beach in front of Kapil Muni temple where the river is believed to meet the sea is severely eroded and the pilgrims are turned away to other beaches. Only a few metres from the eroded beach, the administration, with much pomp, organised an elaborate 'Ganga Aarti' similar to Varanasi's.

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Did what was right for Sri Lanka: Jaishankar

S. Jaishankar meets former Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa in Colombo on Friday. PTI

The decision, Mr. Jaishankar said, was a reassertion of India's belief in the principle of "neighbourhood first", and "not leaving a partner to fend for themselves," which also drove the nearly-4-billion-dollar assistance extended last year, by way of credits and roll overs. India is "a reliable neighbour, a trustworthy partner, one who is prepared to go the extra mile when Sri Lanka feels the need", he said and extended Prime Minister Narendra Modi's invitation to Mr. Wickremesinghe to visit India at an "early date".

Speaking at the joint media briefing, where President Wickremesinghe was also present, Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister Ali Sabry expressed "profound gratitude" for India's "enormous support" last year that "helped Sri Lanka regain some measure of economic and financial stability."

Going forward, India will encourage greater investments in the Sri Lankan economy, especially in "core areas like energy, tourism and infrastructure," Minister Jaishankar said, pointing to energy security as one of Sri Lanka's "most serious challenges." "A search for solutions must necessarily encompass the larger region. Only then will Sri Lanka get the full benefit of scale," he said, adding, "This country has enormous renewable energy potential that can become a sustainable source of revenue. It has the capability as well for Trincomalee to emerge as an energy hub." The two countries have, "in principle", agreed on a renewable energy framework. A bilateral agreement on raising the limit of the High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) implemented in Sri Lanka with the support of the Government of India was signed during the External Affairs Minister's visit, a statement from the President's office said.

Further, Mr. Jaishankar said he shared India's "considered view that the full implementation of the 13th amendment and early conduct of provincial elections are critical" in regard to political devolution.

"Durable efforts towards reconciliation are in the interests of all sections in Sri Lanka. I also spoke of the need to pay special attention to the requirements of the Indian origin Tamil community," he said.

Apart from meeting with several Sri Lankan Ministers, Mr. Jaishankar held discussions with senior politicians in government and opposition, including Leader of Opposition Sajith Premadasa, former President Mahinda Rajapaksa, Tamil leaders from the north and east, as well as those representing the *Malaiyaha* (hill country) Tamils.

Chargesheets need not be made public, says SC

The logic of disclosure applied more strongly to chargesheets as they were filed after due investigation unlike first information reports (FIRs), which were based on unsubstantiated allegations, Mr. Bhushan had said.

But Justice Shah dismissed the contentions on the ground that putting up chargesheets for public viewing would violate the rights of the accused, victims and even the investigating agency. It would also be contrary to the scheme of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Air India fined ₹30 lakh, pilot suspended

The DGCA had issued a show-cause notice to Air India as well as nearly 20 of its personnel on January 4, the day that the incident drew media attention, for "unprofessional handling" of the incident leading to a "systemic failure". The penalty imposed by the regulator is in response to the written replies submitted to it following the show-cause notices.

On November 26, on a New York-New Delhi flight, 35-year-old Shankar Mishra allegedly urinated on a senior citizen travelling on the same plane. But instead of handing over the offender to the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) after the aircraft landed in Delhi the following day, and reporting the matter to the DGCA, Mr. Mishra was allowed to walk off scot-free. The Delhi Police nabbed him from Bengaluru on January 7 and sent him to judicial custody.

Mr. Mishra has been banned from all airlines of the Air India group for a period of four months.

In its response to the DGCA penalty, Air India said, "We respectfully acknowledge the gaps in our reporting and are taking relevant steps to ensure that the same are addressed. We are also strengthening our crew's awareness of and compliance with policies on the handling of incidents involving unruly passengers."

SC declines to entertain petitions on caste census

Bench asks petitioner to approach High Court concerned; Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar welcomes the decision saying those trying to stop the survey have been proven wrong

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The Supreme Court on Friday declined to entertain petitions challenging the caste census being undertaken in Bihar. Asking whether it was a "publicity interest litigation", a Bench led by Justice B.R. Gavai refused to intervene while giving liberty to the petitioner, Ek Soch Ek Prayas, a non-governmental organisation (NGO), to seek appropriate remedies in law before the High Court concerned. The lawyer had argued that caste survey came under the Central List of the Constitution and a State did not have the authority to conduct it.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar welcomed the court's decision, saying that while some people were trying to stop the survey, they had been proven wrong. Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav had termed the caste census a "historic step" to identify the most backward sections of the society through collection of scientific data and ensure that welfare measures reached them.

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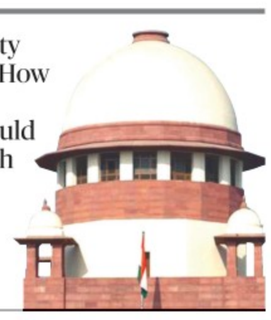
> **SUPREME COURT**



Two phases

The first phase of the survey began on January 7, 2023 and would continue till January 21. The second phase is from April. The Bihar Cabinet had decided to conduct the survey on June 2 last year.

Officials estimate the census would cover over 12 crore people and more than 2.5 crore households across the State. The survey is likely to be over by May 21.

SC's displeasure

When the petition by NGO Ek Soch Ek Prayas came up for hearing, the top court questioned why the petitioners did not go to the Patna High Court over the matter. "So, this is a publicity interest litigation. How can we issue directions on how much reservation should be granted to such and such caste? Sorry, we can't issue such directions and can't entertain these petitions," the Bench, comprising Justice Gavai and Justice Vikram Nath, told the counsel for the petitioners.

As many as three petitions have been filed in the Supreme Court against the caste survey. One petition had been filed by a Bihar resident named Akhilesh Kumar, the second by Ek Soch Ek Prayas, and the third by right-wing outfit Hindu Sena.

Speaking in Nalanda, Chief Minister Mr. Kumar said, "Today, the Supreme Court has refused to hear the petitions on caste survey. Some people were trying to stop it but they have been proven wrong." Mr. Kumar is currently on a *Samadhan Yatra* (solution journey) across the State.

The ongoing caste survey involves gathering information on how many people live in each household, their castes, and socio-economic condition. After the survey concludes in May, its report is expected to be made public later.

India, Egypt to hold dialogue on defence ties during Sisi visit

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Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

India and Egypt are likely to seal around half a dozen agreements during the visit of Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi who is slated to arrive here on January 24 ahead of the Republic Day celebrations where he will be the chief guest.

Apart from dialogues on defence, security and new energy initiatives, the two sides have been brought closer by Egypt's pragmatic diplomacy in arenas such as the Organization of Islamic Cooperation where Cairo has increasingly maintained a cautious position while responding to Pakistan's aggressive campaign on Kashmir.

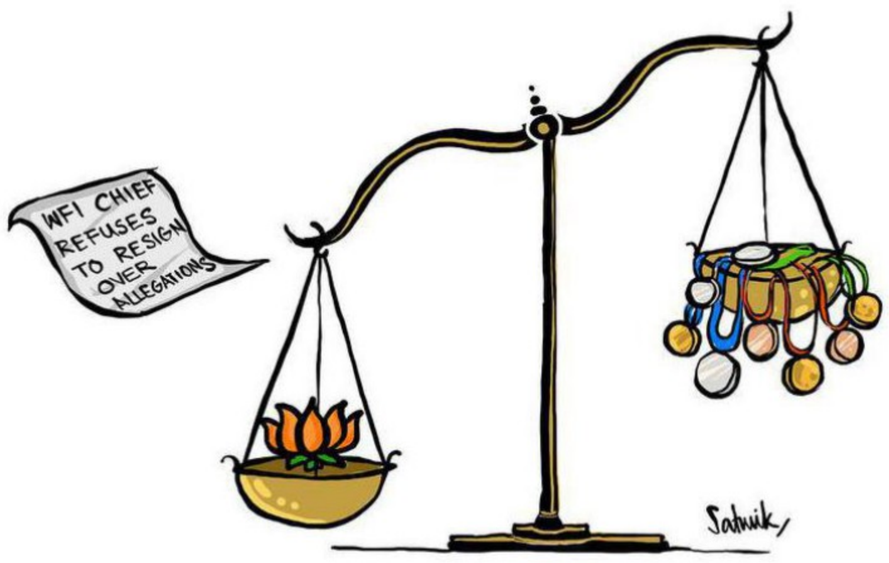
As a symbol of closer military ties, the Republic Day parade is on track to have a contingent of 180 personnel from the Egyptian armed forces this year, *The Hindu* was told.

Collaboration on security, counter terrorism and defence-related matters are expected to feature prominently in the bilateral talks between the countries during Mr. El Sisi's visit, sources have said.

Challenges from unmanned aerial vehicles and cyber threats may also feature in the India-Egypt Joint Working Group on terrorism that will meet after the visit.

South Block, it was learnt, also took a positive view of Egypt's attempts to play a balanced role at the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation where Pakistan has floated several resolutions on Kashmir and other internal Indian issues in the last few years but failed to receive robust support from Mr. El Sisi's government.

On the draw



Wrestling Federation must be dissolved, says the Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Following the allegations of sexual harassment against Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP and Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, the Congress on Friday demanded that the sports body should be disbanded.

The party also asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to spell out what action he took when issues were allegedly flagged to him by a wrestler in 2021.

Olympic bronze medallist boxer Vijender Singh and Commonwealth Games gold medallist discus thrower Krishna Poonia, both Congress members now, were part of a joint press conference with spokesperson Supriya Shrinate.

Beti Bachao slogan

Ms. Poonia, a Congress MLA from Rajasthan, said it was very difficult for women athletes as it is and with such matters coming to light it will get tougher for them.

With repeated incidents involving the ruling party leaders, she alleged that the BJP has "torn the *Beti Bachao* slogan to shreds".

Vijender Singh, a former boxing champion, said he had gone to the Jantar Mantar protest site to express his solidarity with the wrestlers and demanded strict action in the matter.

Ms. Shrinate said it was "shameful" that even after 72 hours Mr. Singh had not resigned and the government was maintaining "conspicuous silence".

India can lead efforts to find new TB vaccine, says former WHO scientist

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Raising the need to develop a new vaccine for tuberculosis, Soumya Swaminathan, former chief scientist at the World Health Organization (WHO), said India, considering its accelerated timeline for TB elimination, should be in the lead. She also called on scientists and researchers around the country as well as globally to come together to develop a better vaccine.

Team effort: Ma. Subramanian, T.N. Minister for Health, unveiling the REACH logo. Also seen are (from left) Ramya Ananthakrishnan, Director, REACH; Nalini Krishnan, Executive Secretary & Co-Founder, REACH; Soumya Swaminathan, former Chief Scientist, WHO; Rajivan Krishnaswamy, President, REACH Executive Committee and N. Ram, Director, THG Publishing. S.R. RAGHUNATHAN

"We need a new vaccine, better diagnostics and point of care. Why can't we have a rapid test for TB like we have for COVID-19?....The technology, science, researchers and companies are there. I think what is needed is a call, a mission to come together," she said, delivering an oration on "Towards Health Equity – a vision for India", organised to mark the 25th year commemoration of REACH, a NGO working in the area of TB, on Friday.

For diseases, which have good vaccines available, there is hope that they could be controlled or even eliminated at some point, she said, adding: "There has to be a global call. We now have genetic sequencing. There are new platforms – the mRNA platform, viral vector, DNA, protein subunit and the traditional vaccines. All of these platforms were used for COVID-19. We should be testing all of them for TB also."

Noting that developing a TB vaccine was not going to be easy, she said with the right investment and collaboration, it was possible to make progress. Dr. Swaminathan earlier pointed out that the BCG vaccine was 100 years old.

She said that findings of the National TB prevalence survey – conducted by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and WHO – were worrying. Considering the country's goal of achieving TB elimination by 2025, the prevalence was 300 per 1,00,000, bacteriologically confirmed TB cases, she said.

"The prevalence was the same when I joined the Tuberculosis Research Centre as a young doctor in 1991. That has to make us think why we are not making a dent though there are national programmes and global funding. Still our prevalence is very high, and Tamil Nadu's prevalence is 322 per 1,00,000 for all forms of TB. The death rate is around 4%-5%, while it is 6% in T.N. Diabetes, alcohol and TB are very high in T.N. compared to the national average," she said.

In India, the main risk factor for TB is undernutrition. "This is why TB incidence is higher in lower economic groups, especially in tribal and remote rural areas and in the urban poor. How do we address this? Why is the TB rate four times more among this group?" she said.

Outlining learnings from the prevalence survey, she said, "First, we can start a massive active case finding programme using X-ray. Second, we need to use more molecular tests. On average, in India, only 20% of patients have access to the first molecular test. During COVID-19, we have done 900 million tests. If we could have scaled up so fast for COVID-19 as there are laboratories everywhere that can do not only PCR but also sequencing, why can't we use these facilities for TB," she said.

Health Minister Ma. Subramanian, who released REACH's new logo and charter on the occasion, said that 96,500 new TB patients were identified in the State last year.

Nalini Krishnan, executive secretary and co-founder, REACH, said TB was still a challenge. "But with new strategies and 'END TB' goal, recognition and inclusion of the community, we think this is the best time in the history of TB control to redirect, change our outlook and achieve our common goal of creating a TB-free world," she said.

N. Ram, Director, The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited, introduced Dr. Swaminathan. Ramya Ananthakrishnan, director, REACH, Rajivan Krishnaswamy, president, REACH executive committee and Sheela Augustine, deputy director, REACH spoke.

Leaving a mark: Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Kathua district in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday. NISSAR AHMAD

Congress reinvigorates Article 370 debate on Day 2 of Yatra in J&K

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

On the second day of Rahul Gandhi's last leg of Bharat Jodo Yatra in Jammu on Friday, his party's communications chief Jairam Ramesh reinvigorated the debate on Article 370, saying that "a democratic way was not followed while the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganization Bill, 2019 was passed in the Parliament."

"Revocation of Article 370 was done in an unconstitutional and undemocratic way. There was no discussion, no cross examination of the Bill and it was forcefully passed, as the ruling government misused its power of majority," Mr. Ramesh said.

He noted that J&K was a full-fledged State, which was degraded to a Union Territory. "We demand resumption of the democratic process in J&K and the statehood status."

The Shiv Sena's Sanjay Raut, who also joined the yatra, said, "Mr. Gandhi is on the right path to raise a voice against unemployment, inflation and other issues bothering people." Several gallantry award winners, including Param Vir Chakra recipient Captain Bana Singh, also joined the yatra.

Cong. is B-team of separatist Gupkar alliance, says BJP

JAMMU

The BJP said the Congress had become a B-team of "soft separatist, Kashmir-centric and communal Peoples' Alliance for Gupkar Delegation (PAGD) with Rahul Gandhi furthering its cause as a foot-soldier". The BJP said the Congress was responsible for the decade-long mess in J&K.

'Political support key to make platforms pay news publishers'

This can help equip publishers with the right tool where they lack bargaining power: APIG Director

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Political support is essential to fulfill the demand of digital news publishers that Big Tech platforms pay more for featuring their content, said Pierre Petillault, Director of the Alliance de la Presse d'Information Générale, an industry association representing over 200 of France's largest news publishers.

Political support was essential in markets like France and India, as the media market isn't as concentrated as it is in countries like Australia, reducing the bargaining power of each publisher, he pointed out. "What you then have to ask is if the right tools exist in the law to deal with this subject, or if a new law has to be passed," he said.

The French experience

When France passed a law to enforce the European Copyright Directive, potentially allowing news publishers to negotiate agreements with Big Tech platforms for featuring their content, Google was quick to respond.

"Google quickly acted, telling publishers, 'If you would like us to continue to feature your content on our search engine, please let us do so under this new law, for free.'." Then, the publishers approached France's competition authority, which ruled that Google was not negotiating in good faith, he recalled.

"We approached the Autorité de la concurrence a second time in 2020, and that settled things gradually, thanks to a structurally significant decision where the authority slapped Google with a tremendous €500 million fine," he said.

"The majority of French politicians, no matter which party they were from, were convinced that Big Tech platforms needed to support the news media more," he added.

Big Tech aggregators must split revenue fairly with news creators: I&B Secretary

This is a question of journalism and credible content as well, says Apurva Chandra, making the announcement at the Digital News Publishers Association media conference

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> I&B Secretary

Publishers of digital news platforms, being creators of original content, should get a fair share of revenue from big-tech platforms, which act as aggregators, Information and Broadcasting Secretary Apurva Chandra said on Friday.

Through an e-mailed statement read at the Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA) media conference, Mr. Chandra said that post-COVID, there have been issues regarding the financial health of not just the digital news industry but also the parent print news industry.

"For the growth of the news industry, it is important that the digital news platform of all these publishers which are the creators of original content get a fair share of the revenue from the Big Tech platforms which act as an aggregator of the content created by others," he said.

Mr. Chandra said: "It is clear that if the traditional news industry continues to be negatively impacted, the future of journalism, our Fourth Pillar, is also hit. Thus, this is a question of journalism and credible content as well."

He noted that Australia, Canada, France and European Union had taken the initiative through their legislatures and strengthening of their competition commissions to ensure a fair split of revenue among creators and aggregators.

The Australian example

Speaking to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of the conclave, Paul Fletcher, a Member of the Australian Parliament, who was key in developing the bargaining code that forced Big Tech platforms there to negotiate better deals with publishers, stated three reasons that necessitated a policy response.

First, he said, it was a competition policy matter. The Big Tech platforms competed in the market for digital advertising with other media platforms; at the same time, they were using the content generated and paid for by those media businesses to attract eyeballs, and monetised that through advertising.

"Second, this is a media policy issue, because the impact of unfair competition was in turn causing news media businesses to have reduced revenues and profitability, which in turn erodes the monies used to fund journalism, which means journalists were losing their jobs, which led to journalism reducing in quality. It was a negative feedback loop," he said. Thirdly, he said, "we saw this as a very important issue in a liberal democracy, where it's important to have a diverse and vigorous news media".

INBRIEF

BJP will make NPP go the AGP way: Congress in Meghalaya

The BJP will weaken and eventually devour the National People's Party (NPP), the Congress said in poll-bound Meghalaya. The BJP is a minor partner of the Conrad K. Sangma-headed NPP in the Meghalaya government. The two parties, as has been the strategy in previous elections, have no pre-poll alliance. "The BJP will weaken and eventually swallow the NPP," Bobbeeta Sharma, Congress media coordinator, told journalists in Shillong. She gave the example of Asom Gana Parishad (AGP). "The AGP helped BJP get a toehold in Assam and become the dominant party. The NPP will have a similar fate," she said.

Navy, Mumbai Police search for MBBS student's body

The Mumbai Police along with the Indian Navy on Friday conducted a search operation at the Bandra Bandstand shore in the city to locate the remains of MBBS student Sadichha Sane, after the accused revealed that he had killed her and thrown the body into the Arabian sea, an official said. Sane, a third year MBBS student, had gone missing from Bandra Bandstand in November 2021. The Mumbai crime branch recently arrested lifeguard Mithu Singh in this connection."The search operation started in the morning," the official said, adding that they were also using other means to trace the body. PTI

SC to set up Bench to hear pleas against '*nikah halala*'

The Supreme Court on Friday said that it will set up a five-judge Constitution Bench to hear pleas challenging the constitutional validity of polygamy and '*nikah halala*' practice among Muslims. A Bench comprising Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice P.S. Narasimha took note of submissions of lawyer Ashwini Upadhyay, who has filed one of the PILs on the issue, and said a fresh five-judge Bench was needed to be constituted as two judges of the previous Constitution Bench – Justice Indira Banerjee and Justice Hemant Gupta – have retired. PTI

New guidelines to regulate promotions on social media

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Friday released the endorsement guidelines for celebrities and social media influencers, mandating compulsory disclosure of monitory or material benefits of a product or a brand they are promoting through social media platforms. Failing to do so will attract a penalty of up to ₹50 lakh.

Releasing the guidelines, Union Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh said the disclosures must be prominently and clearly displayed in the endorsement and terms such as 'advertisement', 'sponsored' or 'paid promotion' should be used for all sort of endorsements. The step, he said, is after considering the increased use of social media for promotional activities that go beyond advertisements or advertorials in print or electronic media.

The guide 'Endorsements Know-hows!', created for celebrities, influencers and virtual influencers on social media platforms, aims to ensure that individuals do not mislead their audiences when endorsing products or services and that they are in compliance with the Consumer Protection Act. "With the increasing reach of digital platforms and social media, such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, there has been a rise in the influence of virtual influencers, in addition to celebrities and social media influencers. This has led to an increased risk of consumers being misled by advertisements and unfair trade practices by these individuals on social media platforms," the Ministry of Consumer Affairs said.

The guidelines specify that disclosures must be prominently and clearly displayed in the endorsement, making them "extremely hard to miss". Benefits and incentives, and monetary or other compensation, trips or hotel stay, media barters, coverage and awards, free products with or without conditions, discounts, gifts and any family or personal or employment relationship come under material benefits according to the guidelines.

If there are violations, the penalty prescribed for misleading advertisements under the Consumer Protection Act 2019 will be applicable. In that case, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) can impose a penalty of up to ₹ 10 lakh on manufacturers, advertisers and endorsers and for repeated offences, a penalty of up to ₹ 50 lakh can be imposed. The CCPA can also prohibit the endorser of a misleading advertisement from making any endorsement for up to one year and for subsequent contravention, prohibition can extend up to three years.

Navy Agniveers likely to be part of marching contingent at Republic Day parade next week

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Navy Agniveers currently undergoing training could be part of the marching contingent at the Republic Day Parade (RDP) at Kartavya Path next week.

Officials said the proposal to have a small number of Navy Agniveers as part of the Naval contingent at the parade is under active consideration and a final decision is awaited.

Also, the Navy will soon have women officers and women sailors onboard warships with women Agniveers ready to be deployed onboard once their training is complete by end-March, according to Navy officials.

"Women are part of the Indian Navy and women have been inducted in the sailor ranks as well as officer ranks across branches. So '*nari shakti*' [women power] is currently deployed in all naval operations which cover surveillance at sea and related operations at sea," said Vice Admiral Suraj Berry, Navy's Controller Personnel Services on Friday briefing the media on the Navy's participation in the upcoming parade.

Training under way

There are 271 women among the around 2,800 naval Agniveers undergoing training at the INS Chilka in Odisha. The four-month training programme would be completed by March 23. The Agniveers would then spend two weeks on a warship as part of a familiarisation course, following which they would get postings.

To begin with, women Agniveers would be deployed on big warships like aircraft carriers and destroyers. Some changes in facilities onboard are being made to accommodate them, including a dedicated mess facility with washrooms in proximity.

There could be up to 20-30 women sailors in every ship and their deployment is likely across 8-9 capital warships, Vice Adm. Berry said. Women officers are already serving onboard warships and their numbers would rise over time as separate facilities are available, officials had said.

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INBRIEF

Bank loan fraud case: HC grants interim bail to Dhoot

The Bombay High Court on Friday granted interim bail to Videocon Chairman Venugopal Dhoot who was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the ICICI Bank fraud case. A Division Bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and P.K. Chavan directed Mr. Dhoot to be released on a bail bond of ₹1 lakh. The Bench was hearing Mr. Dhoot's plea seeking immediate release in the case. On January 9, the same Bench had directed the release of the co-accused – ICICI Bank's former chief executive officer and managing director Chanda and her husband Deepak Kochhar from jail. Mr. Dhoot was arrested on December 26 and sent to judicial custody after three days with the Kochhars.

Two policemen found spying for bootleggers in Gujarat

Two junior police officers deputed in Bharuch of Gujarat were suspended after they were found to have allegedly shared the location and other details of officials of the State Monitoring Cell (SMC) with bootleggers. The SMC is a special agency which often conducts raids on bootleggers and liquor dens and organised crimes. The duo, identified as head constable Ashok Solanki and constable Mayur Khuman, had reportedly shared 760 locations of 15 SMC police personnel with bootleggers for money over the past three months. Sources said the duo was posted with the cyber cell of Local Crime Branch (LCB) in Bharuch for about 10 years.

DCW chief dragging case: police recover CCTV footage

Footage showing Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) chief Swati Maliwal being allegedly harassed by an inebriated man and dragged by his car for 10-15 metres with her hand stuck in the vehicle window has been recovered, police said on Friday. Ms. Maliwal is seen in the video, which has been widely circulated on social media, waiting on the pavement when a car arrives and the driver tells her to get in. The video showed that when Ms. Maliwal caught hold of the driver, he rolled up the window on her hand and dragged her along. She could also be heard screaming in the video. PTI

Man charged for forwarding cartoon of Mamata acquitted

More than 10 years after he was arrested for forwarding a cartoon of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, a court in Kolkata discharged Jadavpur University professor Ambikesh Mahapatra on all charges. Prof. Mahapatra had forwarded an email containing a cartoon sequence based on Satyajit Ray's *Sonar Kella* which made fun of Dinesh Trivedi's removal as Railway Minister and his replacement by Mukul Roy. He had to spend a night in police custody. The development had triggered a massive outrage in the State. Prof. Mahapatra also emerged as a civil rights crusader and an active member of the *Aakranta Amra* movement.

Govt. policy muddle is stalling production of biodegradable plastic

Several manufacturers stare at an uncertain future as a lack of coordination among multiple Ministries has led to a logjam in the production of alternatives to single-use plastic

SPECIAL

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

A long wait: It takes a minimum of two years to check if the plastics have 90% biodegradation. THULASI KAKKAT

Is 'biodegradable' plastic made in India actually biodegradable? Eight months after the Centre banned single-use plastic and paved the way for the use of biodegradable plastic, a lack of coordination among multiple ministries has led to the question remaining unanswered. A consequence of this is that many, who are now unable to manufacture single-use plastic goods and invested in making biodegradable alternatives, are unable to produce them and stare at an uncertain future.

"The BIS has established a provisional protocol of testing biodegradable plastic that says 90% biodegradation should be achieved to pass the test which may take upto two years," said Sunil Panwar, CEO, Symphony Environmental India, which offers additive technologies that when added to regular single-use plastic makes them biodegradable.

Mr. Panwar's and a few other firms have supplied this to small-scale plastic manufacturers in India. However they say they have run into a problem. Because it will take a minimum of two years to check if the plastics are 90% biodegradable, the Environment Ministry in its notification of July 2022 banning single-use plastic allowed manufacturers to get a 'provisional certificate' valid till June 2023 from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) allowing them to make biodegradable plastic goods.

Such a certificate could be procured if a manufacturer obtained an 'interim' test report.

"When I submitted an interim test report to the CPCB for a licence, it was rejected because they insisted that they would only consider a test that showed 90% degradation as valid. This is unfair as nowhere in the rules does it say that 'interim' means 90% [degradation]," Divesh, proprietor, Siddhivinayak Polymers, Ahmedabad, told *The Hindu*.

An official affiliated to the Environment Ministry, who declined to be identified, told *The Hindu* that the agency's hands were tied. "The CPCB doesn't create the standards or the rules. As long as the CIPET can say that the tested product is biodegradable, it can give the certificate. But if the CIPET says that a product has degraded 5% or 10%, in a certain period, the CPCB can't assume it will disintegrate entirely."

Poster row: SC says no coercive action against Manimekalai

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Leena Manimekalai

The Supreme Court on Friday protected filmmaker Leena Manimekalai from coercive action on the basis of multiple FIRs filed in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh over the poster of her short film titled *Kaali*.

"The institution of FIRs in multiple States would be a matter of serious prejudice to the petitioner," a Bench of Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and P.S. Narasimha observed in its order.

Notice issued

Issuing notice to the Centre and States, the court said it would consider the question of consolidating the FIRs in one place so that she could approach a High Court to have them quashed under Section 482 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

Advocate Kamini Jaiswal, appearing for the filmmaker, argued that a lookout circular had been issued against her client and she ran the risk of being subjected to coercive proceedings on the same film in diverse States.

The court said its protective order would not only cover the six FIRs filed across the four States but also encompass other FIRs which may have been filed or which may be filed in future on the same film.

The court recorded the submission by Ms. Jaiswal that her client did not have any intention to hurt religious feelings with the depiction of the Hindu goddess, and the purpose of the film was inclusive in nature.

The court posted the case for further hearing on February 20.

Police meet will discuss influence wielded by Chinese commercial firms

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah addresses the inaugural session of DGPs/IGPs Annual Conference, in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

Chinese commercial entities in India being used by the neighbouring country to collect personal data to gain "economic control" and "influence minds" is among the key topics to be discussed at the ongoing annual police conference in Delhi, according to a senior government official.

According to the official, sustained investigation by the intelligence agencies since 2020 has revealed a "disturbing picture" of the role of such entities in India.

Conference open

The 57th Director General of Police conference, spanning three days, was inaugurated on Friday by Home Minister Amit Shah. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address senior police officers on January 21. The topic "managing influence of Chinese commercial entities" is expected to be discussed on January 22.

The assessment by agencies found that the commercial entities operate in India with five primary objectives – influencing minds, build economic control, acquisition of data, for espionage and to target scientists to compromise innovation and intellectual property rights (IPR).

It said the objective of counterintelligence is pursued through top officials of Chinese companies in India, adding that small-size shell companies were also used as financial conduits to fund espionage rings and resident agents.

It added that to further China's "vacuum cleaner approach," digital loan Apps and gaming platforms were used to "acquire masses of real-time online sensitive personal data." The Intelligence Bureau created a new wing – China Coordination Centre – to collaborate with financial enforcement agencies to probe the companies.

Internal security challenges are now thematic, says Shah

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Minister directed police officers to focus on urban policing

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday that Jammu and Kashmir was gradually heading towards peace and stability, and that internal security challenges in the country have transformed from "geographic" to "thematic".

"Earlier problems were geographical like unrest in the northeast, terrorism in J&K and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) in affected areas, but now they are thematic like cyber security and data security. The problems have also become multidimensional as narco terror and fourth generation war have chipped in," Mr. Shah said.

"There was a time when children from Jammu and Kashmir used to go to study in other parts of the country due to insurgency, but today 32,000 children from other parts of the country are studying in J&K," the Minister said.

He said that police in all States have cooperated to nab "Popular Front of India (PFI) culprits" adding that "it showed the power of India's cooperative federalism and maturity as a democracy." He asked the police officers to focus on urban policing.

"We have attained massive success in taming left wing terror. In 2010 there were 96 terror-affected districts, now there are only 46 . Similarly, 72% of the security vacuum has been plugged and I have complete faith that by 2024 we will plug 100% vacuum and take absolute control of the situation. In left wing affected regions, all kinds of violence have seen a 40% to 60% decline," Mr. Shah added.

EPFO portal offers link to opt for higher pension

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Implementing the Supreme Court order on higher provident fund pensions, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has made a provision in the portal for members so that retired workers can opt for the same. The EPFO has started taking registration requests from employees for application form for validation of joint options with the employers.

The option, at the moment, will be available for employees who had retired before September 1, 2014. They should have also exercised joint option under para 11(3) of the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) prior to September 1, 2014. The employee should enter the Pension Payment Order, Aadhaar number, name and date of birth, which should be as per the EPFO records. A valid mobile number linked as per UIDAI records is necessary.

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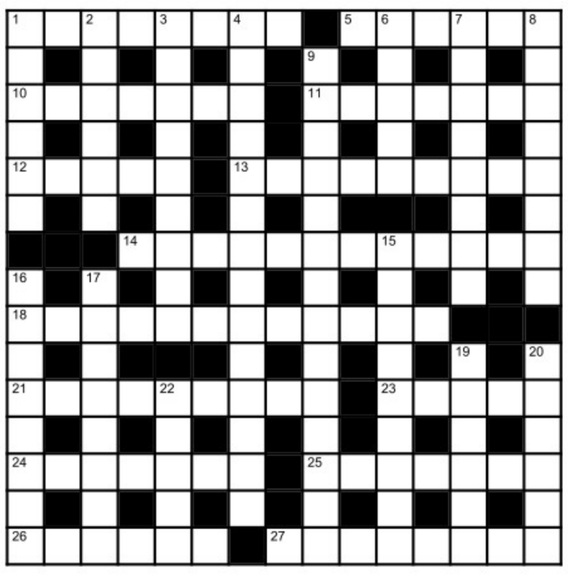

Across

1 Massage hot aristocrat immediately (5,3)
5 Partners captivated by snake beside one ornamental tree (6)
10 Stumble in street, say (7)
11 Expose husband meeting one babe at entrance in retreat (7)
12 Worm behind small grass-like plant (5)
13 Wild hedonist consuming ecstasy secretly (2,3,4)
14 School for young children organised trek in garden (12)
18 Be aware of what is going on, like a music conductor? (4,3,5)
21 Quickly prepares formula containing extremely sweet drink (7,2)
23 Good, seasoned beef (5)
24 Member consumed by reactionary hatred is nitpicking (7)
25 Twists and turns, chasing leader of terrorists (7)
26 Yearning to dance with popular girl (6)
27 Everyone beginning to enjoy murderous tale (8)

Down

1 Strikes artfully, sacrificing knight to give check (6)
2 Crafty rogue stealing diamonds and money in Haiti (6)
3 Drink gets man at hotel lit up completely (2,3,4)
4 Found a dormouse scurrying inside as well (3,4,7)
6 Colour of brooch, reddish-yellow (5)
7 Self-restraint is essentially important in battling obesity (8)
8 Mean man arrested at last (2,3,3)
9 Crucial to have fixed tenure with cover for risky investment (7,7)
15 Wasted a crore to acquire horse? Revolting conceit (9)
16 Leader of anarchists leaving Kashmir is shot in encounter (8)
17 Miss consuming primarily undiluted drink blunders (6,2)
19 Fantastic tailor in Venetian commercial centre (6)
20 Abandoned extremely salty meal, pathetic (6)
22 Seduced by director during Christmas in retreat (3,2)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Rama's request to Sumantra

When Lord Rama is ready to cross the Ganga, He tells Sumantra to go back to Ayodhya. Unhappy about being sent away, the faithful Sumantra expresses his feelings to Rama, said Navalpakkam Vasudevachariar, in a discourse. He says that despite being born in a royal family, Rama is forced to live in a forest with His Consort Sita and His brother Lakshmana. Sumantra asks how he can go back to Ayodhya, where that sinner Kaikeyi lives. Rama pacifies Sumantra and says that he is the greatest friend of the Ikshvaku clan. Dasaratha is sure to be miserable, having sent Rama away. Rama points out that in such circumstances, it is the duty of Sumantra to console the king. If Kaikeyi makes fresh demands, and the king has no option but to heed her, then Sumantra must do as the king says. Whatever needs to be done must be done by Sumantra in a way that pleases the king and keeps him from grieving.

Rama tells Sumantra that after paying his respects to the king, he must convey information about the welfare of the royal persons now in exile. He urges Sumantra to tell Dasaratha that none of the three members of the royal clan, now going to the forest, is unhappy. This is to be conveyed not only to the king but to his queens too, including to Kaikeyi. Rama asks Sumantra to especially assure Kausalya about the welfare of her son, and to tell her that Rama, Lakshmana and Sita offer their pranams at her feet. Bharata should be brought to Ayodhya soon and his coronation must be celebrated, Rama says. Sumantra's sorrow at leaving Rama behind is resolved when he is born as Akrura during the Krishna avatara, for Akrura has the good fortune of bringing Krishna to Mathura.

PARIS

Macron plans to increase defence spending by a third for next 7 years

AP

President Emmanuel Macron on Friday announced plans to increase France's defence budget by a third for the next seven years, after Russia's invasion of Ukraine rattled Europe. He said he would ask Parliament to approve a new budget of over 400 billion euros ($430 billion) for 2024-2030, up from 295 billion euros. AFP

NEW YORK

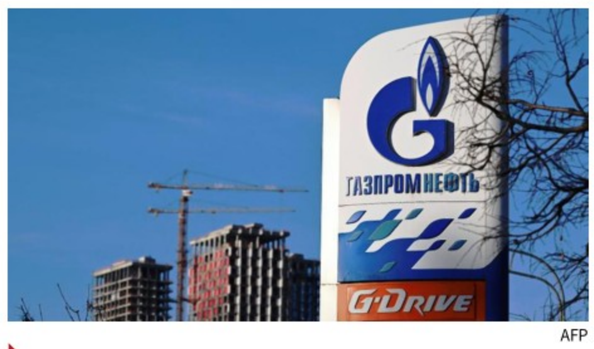
Folk-rock pioneer David Crosby dies at 81 following long illness

REUTERS

David Crosby, the singer-songwriter whose time with The Byrds and later Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young expanded rock's range, has died, his publicist said on Thursday. He was 81. His publicist confirmed the death but did not give a cause. His wife Jan Dance had told Variety that Crosby passed following a long illness. AFP

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan to buy oil, gas from Russia for 'mutual economic benefit'



AFP

Pakistan will start importing oil and gas from Russia by March on terms that will ensure "mutual economic benefit", the nations said on Friday. Since the launch of its military offensive against Ukraine, Moscow has been targeted by Western economic sanctions and has sharply reduced its hydrocarbon deliveries to Europe. AFP

DISASTER

Tibet avalanche toll rises to 28 as 1,000 rescuers join search efforts

REUTERS

More bodies were found on Friday following an avalanche that buried vehicles outside a highway tunnel in Tibet, raising the death toll to 28, *CCTV* reported. Images from the scene at the exit of the tunnel connecting Nyingchi showed half a dozen backhoes digging through deep snow. Over 1,000 rescuers joined the effort. AP

Xi Jinping speaks to troops along India-China border

Chinese President refers to how 'in recent years, the area had been constantly changing' and asks how it impacted the Army; soldiers reply that they carry out 'dynamic 24-hour monitoring'

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Strong support: Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with military officers of the People's Liberation Army in Beijing. AP

Chinese President Xi Jinping on the evening of January 18 held a rare conversation with People's Liberation Army (PLA) soldiers stationed along the India-China border through video link, State media in Beijing reported on January 19.

Mr. Xi, speaking from the PLA headquarters in the capital, addressed troops at a border defence station in Khunjerab under the Xinjiang Military Command and "inspected their combat readiness", a report said. The Xinjiang border command was the only PLA army command Mr. Xi was shown speaking to. He also addressed a Chinese Navy formation and an Air Force aviation brigade and "ordered them to remain alert and be ready for combat."

The Xinjiang military command soldiers are among the troops involved in managing border areas along Eastern Ladakh in the Western Sector of the India-China boundary, which has seen tensions since April 2020 after the PLA carried out multiple transgressions.

Disengagement is yet to be completed in two friction areas among the seven that have seen tensions in the Western Sector, while tens of thousands of troops of both sides remain deployed in forward areas.

Mr. Xi in his remarks to the troops referred to how "in recent years, the area has been constantly changing" and asked how it had impacted the Chinese Army. One of the soldiers replied that they were now carrying out "dynamic" and "24-hour" monitoring of the border. Mr. Xi then asked about their conditions and whether they were able to "receive fresh vegetables" in the inhospitable terrain.

Patrol work

State media reported Mr. Xi had asked the border troops "about their border patrol and management work" and "hailed the soldiers as models of border defence and encouraged them to persist in their efforts and make new contributions." In July last year, Mr. Xi held a rare meeting with top brass of the Xinjiang military district when he visited the regional capital Urumqi.

India and China last month agreed to keep communication channels open and to maintain peace in border areas as they held the 17th round of talks between military commanders, which have made slow progress in reaching an understanding to disengage in the remaining two friction points in Depsang and Demchok.

German tanks won't help Ukraine, says Kremlin

Reuters
MOSCOW

The Kremlin said on Friday that Western countries supplying additional tanks to Ukraine would not change the course of the conflict and the West would regret its "delusion" that Ukraine could win on the battlefield.

European leaders meeting at the Ramstein U.S. Air Base in Germany urged Berlin on Friday to give the green light for the delivery of German-made Leopard 2 tanks to Ukraine to drive back Moscow's forces, although no decision was made. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said: "We have repeatedly said that such supplies will not fundamentally change anything but will add problems for Ukraine."

No decision yet on sending German-made tanks to Kyiv; Berlin calls for consensus

Reuters
RAMSTEIN AIR BASE

Germany said it would need agreement from allies to give the green light for the delivery of German-made tanks to Ukraine to fend off Moscow's invasion, apparently dashing Kyiv's hopes for a quick decision.

Defence Ministers from NATO and other countries were meeting in Germany amid warnings that Russia will soon reenergise its almost 11-month-old invasion to seize parts of Ukraine's east and south it says it has annexed but does not fully control.

The U.S. and Finland announced large new military aid packages before the gathering at Ramstein Air Base, where the focus was on whether Germany would allow countries in Europe that use its Leopard 2 tanks to re-export them to Ukraine.

Boris Pistorius

German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius said he could not say when there would be a decision on the tanks but that Germany was prepared to move fast if there was consensus among allies. "All pros and cons must be weighed very carefully," Mr. Pistorius said, adding the issue had been discussed on Friday, but no decision had been made.

Chancellor Olaf Scholz's government has appeared reluctant to authorise the re-export of the tanks for fear of provoking Russia. Some Western officials have also flagged the concern that Russia might capture advanced Western weaponry and steal its technology.

Ukrainian President Volodmyr Zelensky thanked allies for their support.

A government source in Germany has said it would move on the Leopard tanks issue if the U.S. agreed to send Abrams tanks, which were not included in U.S. announcement of new military aid.

Clashes in Lima as thousands rally against Peru government

Agence France-Presse
LIMA

Unrest continues: Demonstrators in Peru clashing with police personnel during a protest against the government in Arequipa. AFP

Thousands marched through Peru's capital on Thursday in a large anti-government rally punctuated by clashes with police, while the death toll from over a month of violent protests climbed in southern regions. Some of the Lima protesters, who are demanding the resignation of President Dina Boluarte and fresh elections, threw stones and bottles at officers, *AFP* reporters saw.

The police were forced to temporarily retreat before they dug in behind riot shields and began deploying tear gas. At least two people were injured.

One building near the central Plaza San Martin caught fire, though it was not immediately clear how.

Peru has been rocked by protests since the ouster of Ms. Boluarte's predecessor, Pedro Castillo, in early December - though violent clashes have largely been isolated to south and east.

Saudi Arabia rules out normalisation with Israel

Agence France-Presse
RIYADH

Saudi Arabia will not normalise ties with Israel in the absence of a two-State solution with the Palestinians, according to a tweet by the Foreign Ministry on Friday.

"True normalisation and true stability will only come through... giving the Palestinians a State," Prince Faisal told *Bloomberg*. Saudi Arabia is a partner of the U.S. but it has repeatedly refused to normalise ties with Israel due to its occupation of Palestinian territories.

Debt-ridden Pakistan 'ready to meet' all IMF demands to revive bailout programme

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

The Pakistan government has requested the IMF to send its mission to the country at the earliest, preferably next week, to conclude a long-awaited agreement to revive the bailout programme, as it conveyed its willingness to accept all the four major conditions set by the global lender, according to a media report.

Cash-strapped Pakistan revived a stalled $6 billion International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme last year which was initially agreed upon in 2019 but is finding it hard to meet the tough conditions of the Washington-based global lender. There are reports that the IMF may not release more funds under the programme until the pledges made by the government are met.

The IMF board in August approved the seventh and eighth reviews of Pakistan's bail-out programme, allowing for a release of over $1.1 billion.

"We have completed our workings on all four areas on the basis of our interactions on the sidelines of the Geneva conference," a senior member of the government told the *Dawn* newspaper after week-long consultations.

"We are ready to move ahead with reforms committed under the programme and we plan to implement all decisions during the course of talks with the proposed IMF mission," the official said.

Another participant said that the IMF bail-out package was a panacea for all challenges Pakistan faced today and there was no other exit route from default, which was the Fund mission had been requested to sit across the table and finalise everything.

THE HINDU GROUP
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INBRIEF

Hyundai rolls out new Grand i10 Nios hatchback at ₹5.69 lakh

Hyundai Motor India Ltd., (HMIL) introduced new five-seater hatchback Grand i10 Nios at a starting price of ₹5,68,500 (ex-showroom). The vehicle is targeted at enthusiastic Indian youth with best-in-class safety features, sporty and youthful exteriors and stylish interiors, said Unsoo Kim, MD & CEO. He said the hatchback is based on four key pillars for the Indian market – new-age design, innovative technology, outstanding safety and splendid interiors.

Bandhan Bank Q3 profit tanks on higher provisioning

Bandhan Bank Ltd. reported a 66% slump in third-quarter profit, hurt by higher provisions and lower interest income. Net profit for the quarter fell to ₹2.91 billion ($35.85 million) from ₹8.59 billion a year earlier, with provisions and contingencies rising 91%. "In terms of asset quality and stress, we see the worst is behind us and expect overall business momentum to remain robust from Q4 FY23," said MD and CEO Chandra Shekhar Ghosh. REUTERS

Dr. Reddy's wraps up clinical studies of rituximab biosimilar

Drugmaker Dr. Reddy's Laboratories on Friday said it has successfully completed the full set of clinical studies of its proposed rituximab biosimilar candidate DRL_RI. Completion of the studies takes the firm closer to filing in regulated markets such as the U.S., Europe and other regions. The company is developing DRL_RI as a biosimilar of monoclonal antibody rituximab, used in the treatment of certain autoimmune diseases and cancer.

Google axes 12,000 jobs or 6% of its workforce, tech sector layoffs mount

Parent Alphabet's CEO Pichai says firm had hired in the last two years for a different economic reality than what it was facing today; Google becomes latest tech company to trim staff as boom that the industry rode during the pandemic ebbs

Associated Press
LONDON

Google is laying off 12,000 workers, or about 6% of its workforce, becoming the latest tech company to trim staff as the economic boom that the industry rode during the COVID-19 pandemic ebbs.

Sundar Pichai, the CEO of Google's parent Alphabet, informed staff Friday at the Silicon Valley giant about the cuts in an e-mail that was also posted on the company's news blog.

Tech squeeze

Google joins other technology majors including Microsoft, Amazon and Facebook parent Meta in laying off workers as the industry girds for a sharp slowdown

- Alphabet CEO Pichai says he is 'deeply sorry' for the layoffs; jobs being cut across product areas, levels and regions
- Google's workforce grew to almost 1.87 lakh in late 2022, from 1.19 lakh at the end of 2019
- Job cuts announced by major tech firms so far in January alone total at least 48,000

It's one of the company's biggest-ever round of layoffs and adds to tens of thousands of other job losses recently announced by Microsoft, Amazon, Facebook parent Meta and other tech companies as they tighten their belts amid a darkening outlook for the industry. Just this month, there have been at least 48,000 job cuts announced by major companies in the sector.

"Over the past two years we've seen periods of dramatic growth," Mr. Pichai wrote. "To match and fuel that growth, we hired for a different economic reality than the one we face today." He said the layoffs reflect a "rigorous review" by Google of its operations.

The jobs being eliminated "cut across Alphabet, product areas, functions, levels and regions," Mr. Pichai said. He said he was "deeply sorry".

'Cost base'

Regulatory filings illustrate how Google's workforce swelled during the pandemic, ballooning to almost 1,87,000 people by late last year from 1,19,000 at the end of 2019.

"These are important moments to sharpen our focus, reengineer our cost base, and direct our talent and capital to our highest priorities," the CEO wrote.

RIL Q3 profit slides 14.9% to ₹15,792 crore; consumer units help lift revenue by 14.8%

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) reported third-quarter consolidated net profit declined 14.9% year-on-year to ₹15,792 crore. The petrochemicals to telecoms and retailing conglomerate, however, said that profit excluding the impact of exceptional income in the year-earlier quarter grew marginally by 0.6% to ₹17,806 crore.

Gross revenue rose 14.8% year-on-year to ₹2,40,963 crore, supported by continuing growth momentum in consumer businesses, the company said in a regulatory filing.

Digital services jumped 20.4% year-on-year, while retail segment grew by 17.2%. Higher realisation in the oils-to-chemicals business with increase in energy prices along with an almost doubling in growth in the oil and gas business also helped boost revenue.

Subscribers, ARPU rise

EBITDA increased by 13.5% to ₹38,460 crore on account of strong growth in subscriber base and 17.5% increase in ARPU in digital services segment and growth across consumption baskets, addition of new stores and rising contribution from digital channels in retail segment. While Jio Platforms reported a 28.6% jump in profit to ₹4,881 crore, Reliance Retail clocked a 6.2% rise in profit at ₹2,400 crore.

"Our teams across businesses have done an excellent job in delivering strong operating performance through a challenging environment," said CMD Mukesh D. Ambani.

"Our focus remains on operating safely and reliably producing vital fuel and materials for consumers," he said, adding that Jio delivered record revenues and EBITDA driven by strong momentum in customer growth and data consumption.

The board at its meeting on Friday approved raising ₹20,000 crore fresh debt through non-convertible debentures on a private placement basis, RIL said in a separate stock exchange filing.

Forex reserves increase to 5-month high at $572 billion

Reuters
MUMBAI

India's foreign exchange reserves rose to $572 billion in the week through January 13, their highest level since early August last year, the Reserve Bank of India's statistical supplement showed on Friday.

That is higher than the reserves of $561.58 billion for the week ended January 6, and the more-than-two-year low of $524.52 billion hit in October. The rupee marked its best trading week in two months in the week ended January 13.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	60,622	-0.39
US Dollar	81.21	0.19
Gold	57,025	0.97
Brent oil	86.12	0.46

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3456.15	-7.40
Adani Ports	774.45	-1.60
Apollo Hosp	4285.25	-32.90
Asian Paints	2787.80	-78.35
Axis Bank	930.55	1.85
Bajaj Auto	3572.75	-3.20
Bajaj Finserv	1333.20	-21.95
Bajaj Finance	5860.40	-152.05
Bharti Airtel	764.45	-7.55
BPCL	346.35	-3.30
Britannia Ind	4318.95	-53.45
Cipla	1053.45	-11.40
Coal India	227.00	3.05
Divis Lab	3343.15	-38.85
Dr Reddys Lab	4350.60	18.40
Eicher Motors	3150.50	-16.20
Grasim Ind	1655.35	-21.55
HCL Tech	1107.80	-3.60
HDFC	2715.95	24.25
HDFC Bank	1660.95	16.85
HDFC Life	590.55	-14.70
Hero MotoCorp	2746.45	-23.10
Hindalco	489.95	-8.95
Hind Unilever	2548.75	-101.00
ICICI Bank	870.35	4.20
IndusInd Bank	1202.45	1.90
Infosys	1525.55	-13.35
ITC	334.60	2.45
JSW Steel	741.45	-18.60
Kotak Bank	1762.90	-4.40
L&T	2249.95	-23.15
M&M	1314.75	-4.80
Maruti Suzuki	8439.80	-61.85
NestleIndia	19200.05	-481.05
NTPC	168.70	0.00
ONGC	151.60	-0.15
PowerGrid Corp	223.25	2.50
Reliance Ind	2442.65	-29.40
SBI Life	1296.10	-27.00
State Bank	592.20	2.35
Sun Pharma	1030.35	-10.20
TataConsumerProduct	738.45	-0.05
Tata Motors	403.15	2.40
Tata Steel	122.95	-0.60
TCS	3363.10	-10.00
Tech Mahindra	1046.50	-6.80
Titan	2371.30	-13.75
UltraTech Cement	7177.15	-35.20
UPL	737.80	-9.75
Wipro	403.15	-0.25

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on January 20

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	80.92	81.24
Euro	87.66	88.02
British Pound	100.05	100.45
Japanese Yen (100)	62.46	62.71
Chinese Yuan	11.92	11.97
Swiss Franc	87.99	88.38
Singapore Dollar	61.22	61.47
Canadian Dollar	60.10	60.34
Malaysian Ringitt	18.89	18.97
Australian Dollar	56.09	56.36

Source:Indian Bank

Swiggy sacks 380 staff, says poor judgment led to 'overhiring'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Food delivery app Swiggy on Friday said it has laid off 380 of its staff as part of a restructuring exercise.

Founder-CEO Sriharsha Majety, in an email sent to impacted employees, said the layoff was a part of the platform's attempt to 'adjusting to the new normal.'

He added, the growth rate for food delivery had slowed down versus Swiggy's projections and therefore, the platform needed to revisit its overall indirect costs that would have impacted its profit goals.

"Our overhiring is a case of poor judgment."

As per the email, shared by the company with *The Hindu*, an employee assistance plan has been announced for the sacked staff. They would receive a cash payout of 3-6 months.

The exiting employees would be eligible to participate in the ESOP liquidity programme slated for July 2023 and they would also receive medical insurance cover till May 31.

Bombay HC said to quash Yes Bank AT1 bond write-off

Reuters
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court, in an oral pronouncement on Friday, quashed the write-off of additional Tier-1 (AT1) bonds issued by Yes Bank Ltd., said legal sources with direct knowledge of the matter.

The final order is yet to be uploaded on the court website and The bank can choose to appeal in the Supreme Court. The bonds were written off as part of a plan to rescue Yes Bank in March 2020.

Bondholders had filed several petitions, arguing the bonds were mis-sold and could not be written off when equity was not.

Wipro lets go of 452 freshers after 'poor' show in assessment

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Wipro Ltd. on Friday said it let go of 452 freshers after they performed poorly in assessments repeatedly even after training.

"We had to let go of 452 freshers after they performed poorly in assessments repeatedly even after training," said the company responding to a query from *The Hindu*.

The evaluation process included assessments to align employees with the business objectives of the firm and requirements of its clients, Wipro said.

This systematic and comprehensive performance evaluation process

triggered a series of actions such as mentoring and retraining and in some cases, separation of certain employees from the company, the IT major clarified.

Wipro had fired 300 staff after discovering they were working with one of its competitors at the same time (moonlighting), executive chairman Rishad Premji said in September.

Insurance sector needs ₹50,000 cr. a year to double reach in next 5 years: IRDAI

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Panda cites 'healthy' return on equity as a positive to spur corporate investors to infuse capital

The insurance industry would need a capital infusion of ₹50,000 crore per year to double its penetration in the next five years, sector watchdog IRDAI's chief Debasish Panda said on Friday.

Mr. Panda appealed to business conglomerates to channelise funds into the sector, saying the return on equity is at a healthy 14% for life insurers and 16% for non-life, while in the case of top five companies it goes up to 20% as well.

It can be noted that the insurance sector is a very competitive industry, with almost two dozen life insurance companies and more than 30 non-life ones. The overall penetration for insurance is 4.2% as of FY21-end.

"If we have to double the penetration, every year there is a need to infuse an additional ₹50,000 crore," Mr. Panda said, addressing the annual insurance and pension summit organised by industry lobby CII here.

He said the number had been arrived at after an analysis of current GDP growth, inflation and penetration. He also added that he would meet the heads of insurers after March to prepare in pursuit of the same requirements.

'Target is for 2047'

"I'd like to reach out to the conglomerates who are present in this country, individual investors who are interested to invest their money," he said.

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India chief said the target is to double penetration in the next five years, and added it was possible to insure all by 2047.

JSW Steel Q3 net plummets 89% as export halves

Reuters
BENGALURU

Indian iron and steel products maker JSW Steel Ltd. on Friday said third-quarter profit tanked 89%, hurt by lower exports.

Consolidated net profit for the quarter ended December 31 fell to ₹4.90 billion ($60.36 million) from ₹43.57 billion ($536.71 million) a year earlier, the company said in a filing.

Exports slumped 56% from a year earlier to 1.14 million tonnes. JSW is the first steel firm to report quarterly earnings, potentially setting the tone for the industry. Revenue rose 2.8% to ₹391.34 billion.

LTIMindtree Q3 net profit dips 4.7%; CEO flags client caution

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

LTIMindtree on Friday reported a 4.7% decline in net profit to ₹1,000 crore for the third quarter ended in December, compared with the year-earlier period. The slide was 15.8% compared with the previous quarter.

The mid-tier tech firm – formed after the merger of Mindtree and Larsen & Toubro Infotech – posted 25.3% growth in revenue to ₹8,620 crore compared with a year earlier.

CEO and MD Debashis Chatterjee said the firm had shown constant currency year-on-year revenue growth of 16.3%, and an order inflow of $1.25 billion. The firm is seeing 'good' continuity of spending and cross-sales opportunities, he said. However, retail, consumer products and high-tech clients seem cautious in finalising budgets, he said, adding clarity on this front would emerge later in the current quarter.

Debashis Chatterjee

Despite economic growth, urban youth find fewer jobs; hiring slows in export-dependent sectors

Reuters
FARIDABAD

Ravi Verma, hired by an electrical parts manufacturing firm early last year as India's economy surged, was fired in November when the company lost several export orders. He has since remained unemployed, unable to pay back a ₹1 lakh loan he took to buy a two-wheeler.

Mr. Verma is among thousands of Indian workers who lost jobs as the global slowdown hit exports, while the re-entry of nearly 20 million workers into the job market after the pandemic has aggravated the problem.

The rising unemployment in India belies other indicators, suggesting the economy is undergoing a healthy rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, the surge in people looking for work, many of them rural migrants, raises concerns about consumption and longer term growth prospects.

Abundance syndrome: CMIE's MD cites a rebound in labour force driven by return of women workers and rural youth. M. PERIASAMY

The urban unemployment rate swelled to 10.1% in December, although the total number of jobs in India touched a pre-pandemic level of 410 million, data compiled by Mumbai-based think-tank Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) showed.

Urban unemployment spiked during the pandemic, but before that it hovered between 6% and 7%, according to CMIE data.

"Nearly 37 million workers were looking for work in December," said Mahesh Vyas, MD of CMIE, citing a rebound in labour force participation rate driven by the return of women workers and rural youth as the pandemic fears eased.

Globally, India remains a "bright spot" amid growing fears of a recession in the U.S. and Europe, and the economy is projected to grow below 6% in the next financial year starting in April, down from an estimated 7% growth in the current fiscal year.

But, hiring in export-dependent manufacturing sectors like engineering, textile and software has slowed as companies face a decline in overseas demand - reflected in falling exports of manufactured goods, down 12.2% year-on-year in December.

Retail, IT hiring down

Hiring in IT, software, education and retail fell up to 28% in December from a year ago, data compiled by Naukri.com, India's biggest recruitment consultancy, showed, though it remained resilient in insurance, banking and auto sectors.

Economists said the worsening employment scenario could affect consumer demand, drag private investments and hurt growth prospects.

ALL OKAY!

Australian Open boss sees nothing wrong in 4 a.m. finish

Australian Open chief Craig Tiley insisted on Friday there was "no need" to alter scheduling despite Andy Murray's five-set epic against Thanasi Kokkinakis ending at 4:05 a.m. on Friday. This was the second latest end to a match at a Grand Slam. There has been severe criticism calling the early-hours conclusion "a bit of a farce".

SPEAKING OUT

LIV players have right to play on European Tour: Stenson

Henrik Stenson insisted on Thursday that players who signed up for the LIV Golf series should be allowed to compete on the European Tour. Stenson, who was axed as Europe's Ryder Cup skipper last year after joining the LIV Series, believes the rebels who "earn the right" should be welcome on the European circuit.

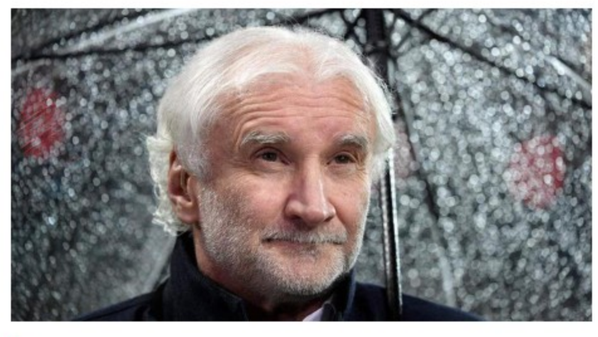
BOWS OUT

Manika Batra's run comes to an end as she loses in the semifinals

India's top-ranked paddler at World No. 36 Manika Batra's run in the World Table Tennis Contender in Doha came to an end as she lost to Riu Zhang of China (ranked 24) 6-11, 11-2, 4-11, 2-11 in the semifinals on Friday. Earlier in the day, the Indian had put it across Choi Hyojoo of Korea 11-6, 11-9, 4-11, 5-11, 11-7 in a last-eight clash.

TAKING CHARGE

Rudi Voller named German team director, to take over on Feb. 1



Former German international Rudi Voller will take over as Germany team director on Feb. 1 following a disastrous WC campaign in Qatar. Voller's job would be to "lay the foundations for a successful home European Championship in 2024", which will be hosted in Germany. Voller will replace Oliver Bierhoff who stepped down in December.

Last-gasp strike helps Argentina share honours with France in high-scoring affair

Torre's hat-trick and Charlet's four-goal effort highlight a 10-goal thriller; Australia rides on Govers' superb show to steamroller South Africa 9-2

HOCKEY WORLD CUP

Y.B. Sarangi
ROURKELA

Hat-trick hero Nicolas della Torre's penalty corner conversion in the dying seconds saved 2016 Olympic champion Argentina's the blushes as it secured a 5-5 draw against a spirited France in a nail-biting Pool-A contest of the Hockey World Cup at the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium here on Friday.

Closely-fought duel

In a closely-fought duel that witnessed a goal apiece from either side in the final minute, seventh-placed Argentina held its nerve to avoid a second straight World Cup loss to its 11th ranked opponent despite French captain Victor Charlet's spectacular four-goal effort.

Close encounter: The contest between Argentina and France provided intense action. PTI

While Argentina reached the crossovers as the second-positioned side, France progressed as third.

Argentina seized the initiative through Nicolas Keenan's early goal, but France erased the deficit through Etienne Tynevez.

Following a 1-1 scoreline at half-time, short corner specialist della Torre put Argentina ahead again.

Amid plenty of end-to-end action, France applied pressure to pump in two quick goals through Charlet. Argentina earned a series of penalty corners towards the end of the third quarter and della Torre got the equaliser.

France, which successfully used the right flank, relied on the giant Charlet's power, precision and variety of angles to strike twice even as Martin Ferreiro pulled one back.

French first runner Charlet's ejection helped Argentina as della Torre achieved a face-saving hat-trick.

France had stunned Argentina 5-3 in their last World Cup meeting in 2018.

Donning its beautiful 'alternate jersey,' Australia rode on four-star Blake Govers' versatile goal-scoring ability to decimate South Africa 9-2 and finish atop Pool-A.

The results:

Pool A: Australia 9 (Blake Govers 4, 15, 19-ps, 20; Tom Craig 8, Jake Harvie 22; Daniel Beale 28; Jeremy Hayward 32; Tim Brand 47) bt South Africa 2 (Nqobile Ntuli 8; Tevin Kok 58).
France 5 (Etienne Tynevez 11; Victor Charlet 36-ps, 38, 49, 60-ps) drew with Argentina 5 (Nicolas Keenan 3; Nicolas della Torre 34, 42, 60; Martin Ferreiro 51)
Pool B: Belgium 7 (Cedric Charlier 17, Tom Boon 21, 26, 27, 50, 55; Sebastien Dockier 51) bt Japan 1 (Kentaro Fukuda 45).
Germany 7 (Niklas Wellen 1, 16, 40; Gonzalo Peillat 42, Justus Weigand 50, Mats Grambusch 52, Mortiz Trompertz 52) bt South Korea 2 (Jonghyun Jang 14, 59).

'Not satisfied with show against Wales'

Uthra Ganesan
BHUBANESWAR

For a long time after the match, the talk revolved around tactics, pressure and gameplan before Harmanpreet Singh finally acknowledged India was not at its best against Wales despite the 4-2 win.

"We are not satisfied, it was not our best game," the India captain admitted.

"Our focus was to not force the goals if they are not coming... they played defensive, crowded the circle... we can improve in finishing. We gave them chances to play easy balls," he said. India had to go on a goal spree, and might have done it, if only the team had not been bothered by having to score big. "It's tough against a team like Wales, you are bumping your head against the wall. Tonight was about good flow, we achieved that in some parts... but if you don't finish the game, this is what happens," said coach Graham Reid.

A win on Sunday will pit India against Belgium in the quarterfinals.

WFI chief will answer charges after AGM: son

Press Trust of India
GONDA (UTTAR PRADESH)

Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh will issue a statement on allegations of sexual harassment against him after the sports body's AGM on Jan. 22, his son Prateek said on Friday.

The allegations have been made by some of the country's top wrestlers, including Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Ravi Dahiya.

The wrestlers continued a sit-in protest near the parliament building for a third straight day on Friday.

All eyes on Gill as India looks set to seal another bilateral ODI series

NEW ZEALAND IN INDIA

Amol Karhadkar
RAIPUR

It has been almost a decade since the Shaheed Veer Narayan International Cricket Stadium first hosted an Indian Premier League game. Still, the 'big game buzz' resonates in and around the Chhattisgarh capital.

First international

It may sound as unbelievable as Michael Bracewell's whirlwind knock in the series-opener in Hyderabad, but the stadium will be hosting its maiden international game – also the first List A match – when India takes on New Zealand on Saturday in a bid to seal yet another bilateral ODI series.

While the fake jersey sellers were in action, with the *Chhattisgarhiyas* bargaining big time with the street-side vendors, the ones fortunate to enter the colossal stadium – capacity of 65,000 – will be hoping Team India continues its fireworks.

Shubman Gill – the double-centurion on Wednesday – skipped India's optional training session on Friday under the lights along with Virat Kohli, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj and Suryakumar Yadav.

While Gill will be looking for a hat-trick of centuries, captain Rohit Sharma, who had a long session in the nets, will be eager to get his year going. But more than his own form, the captain will be hoping the lesser-experienced bowling group pulls up its socks.

Buoyant mood: On a high after a thrilling win in the opener, India settled for an optional practice session. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

The Umran conundrum

No doubt the dew in Hyderabad was a factor, but the moment Bracewell started going after them, India's bowlers' plans went for a toss and it resulted in Bracewell and Mitchell Santner giving India a scare while chasing a target of 350.

It will be interesting to see if India lets Umran Malik have a go on a track that's unlikely to offer as much bounce as Hyderabad. Malik, having missed the previous two ODIs, was spewing venom at Ishan Kishan during his short burst in the nets.

Should India pick Malik, it will have to be at the expense of Shardul Thakur, who bowled a commendable last over on Wednesday.

Tough choice

New Zealand, meanwhile, will have a tough choice to make with regard to its team combination.

Ish Sodhi, the seasoned leggie, had a long spell in the nets in the afternoon after missing the series-opener due to a niggle.

With Santner and Bracewell having sizzled as all-rounders, fitting Sodhi into the team will be a challenge for captain Tom Latham.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Hardik Pandya (Vice-Capt.), Srikar Bharat, Yuzvendra Chahal, Ishan Kishan, Virat Kohli, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Shahbaz Ahmed, Shubman Gill, Shardul Thakur, Umran Malik, Washington Sundar and Suryakumar Yadav.

New Zealand: Tom Latham (Capt.), Finn Allen, Doug Bracewell, Michael Bracewell, Mark Chapman, Devon Conway, Jacob Duffy, Lockie Ferguson, Daryl Mitchell, Henry Nicholls, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Henry Shipley, Ish Sodhi and Blair Tickner.

Umpires: Nitin Menon & K.N. Ananthapadmanabhan.

Match starts at 1.30 p.m.

Starting WC games early: Mhambrey backs Ashwin's suggestion

Amol Karhadkar
RAIPUR

India bowling coach Paras Mhambrey has endorsed R. Ashwin's suggestion of starting the World Cup matches early to eliminate undue advantage to the side batting second due to the dew factor. Mhambrey also hoped that the decision-making authorities could ponder over it.

"Ashwin's point is valid. If you look at it, dew definitely does play a part at some venues. When the ball does get old, it really tilts in favour of the batting side. The ball doesn't spin, the ball comes (nicely) off the wicket. It (the dew factor) really makes batting easy," Mhambrey said on Friday, ahead of India's second ODI versus New Zealand.

Ashwin had recently suggested on his YouTube channel for the World Cup games to start at 11.30 a.m. in order to avoid lending unfair advantage to the chasing side. Captain Rohit Sharma had also endorsed the idea earlier this week.

Mitchell Santner, the New Zealand all-rounder, also backed the idea. "I guess it's an interesting question because we saw in the (T20) World Cup in Dubai (in 2021) where every team won chasing just because of the dew factor and that (early start) is one way to eliminate the dew," Santner said.

Korda stops Medvedev; Zhu shocks sixth seed Sakkari

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Agence France-Presse
MELBOURNE

Daniil Medvedev on Friday became the latest title contender to crash out of the men's draw at the Australian Open, but Iga Swiatek led a charge of the women's seeds into the last 16.

But Greek sixth seed Maria Sakkari is out, shocked by World No. 87 Zhu Lin of China, who was in floods of tears afterwards.

A dream?

"Is this real? Am I in a dream?" sobbed Zhu, who faces two-time former Melbourne champion Victoria Azarenka next.

Russia's Medvedev was runner-up at the last two Grand Slams in Melbourne but his tournament ended with a whimper in round three at the hands of Sebastian Korda. The American, son of 1998 Australian Open champion Petr Korda, won 7-6(7), 6-3, 7-6(4) as seventh seed Medvedev followed defending champion Rafael Nadal and Casper Ruud in exiting in the first week.

Korda, who faces 10th seed Hubert Hurkacz of Poland next, told Rod Laver Arena: "An unbelievable match.

Stefanos Tsitsipas is now the highest remaining seed at three and the Greek star stretched his unbeaten streak this year to set up a last-16 clash with Italian Jannik Sinner.

The 24-year-old Tsitsipas clinched his seventh straight win of 2023 by beating Dutchman Tallon Griekspoor 6-2, 7-6(5), 6-3.

In the women's draw, World No. 1 Swiatek and Americans Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula were emphatic winners. Swiatek, a three-time Major winner but chasing a first Australian Open title, swatted aside qualifier Cristina Bucsa of Spain 6-0, 6-1.

The 18-year-old Gauff stepped up her bid for a maiden Major title with a similarly ruthless 6-3, 6-2 victory over fellow American Bernarda Pera.

Third seed Pegula, also chasing a first Grand Slam crown, dismissed Marta Kostyuk with a 6-0, 6-2.

Out of reach: Korda dictated most of the points, putting his shots where he wanted them, leaving Medvedev stretching in vain. AFP

Fallen seeds

Men: 17-Medvedev, 11-Norrie, 16-Tiafoe, 20-Shapovalov, 28-Cerundolo
Women: 6-Sakkari, 10-Keys, 13-Collins

THE RESULTS

Men: Third round: 31-Nishioka (Jpn) bt McDonald (USA) 7-6(6), 6-3, 6-2; 3-Tsitsipas (Gre) bt Griekspoor (Ned) 6-2, 7-6(5), 6-3; 15-Sinner (Ita) bt Fucsovics (Hun) 4-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-0.
Lehecka (Cze) bt 11-Norrie (GBR) 6-7(8), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4;
6-Auger-Aliassime (Can) bt 28-Cerundolo (Arg) 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4;.
10-Hurkacz (Pol) bt 20-Shapovalov (Can) 7-6(3), 6-4, 1-6, 4-6, 6-3; 29-Korda (USA) bt 7-Medvedev 7-6 (7), 6-3, 7-6(0); 18-Khachanov bt 16-Tiafoe (USA) 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6(9).

Women: Third round: 1-Swiatek (Pol) bt Bucsa (Esp) 6-0, 6-1; 22-Rybakina (Kaz) bt 13-Collins (USA) 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.
17-Ostapenko (Lat) bt Kozlova (Ukr) 6-3, 6-0; 7-Gauff (USA) bt Pera (USA) 6-3, 6-2; 3-Pegula (USA) bt Kostyuk (Ukr) 6-0, 6-2; 20-Krejcíkova (Cze) bt Kalinina (Ukr) 6-2, 6-3; 24-Azarenka (Blr) bt 10-Keys (USA) 1-6, 6-2, 6-1; Zhu Chn bt 6-Sakkari (Gre) 7-6(3), 1-6, 6-4.

INBRIEF

Gokulam posts much-needed win, moves to third

Gokulam Kerala's return to its original base proved profitable on Friday. In its first home match at the Corporation Stadium, the defending champion defeated Real Kashmir 2-0. It was a badly-needed win for Gokulam, which had played all its previous home matches at Manjeri. The second goal was netted by one of the latest recruits, Joby Justin. In this match, against a strong opposition, the host's attack seemed sharper. With V.S. Sreekuttan and Farshad Noor combining well to create chances, Kashmir's defence came under pressure in the opening half. And it was off an excellent cross from the edge of the box by Sreekuttan that resulted in the first goal, with Thahir Zaman heading the ball in. Joby's goal also came from a header, off a corner kick taken by Omar Ramos. The win has taken Gokulam to the third spot. It has 21 points, just four behind leader Sreenidi Deccan. Kashmir, with 18 points, is placed fifth.

The result: Gokulam Kerala 2 (Thahir Zaman 35, Joby Justin 86) bt Real Kashmir 0.

Anirudh-Vijay Sundar duo loses in semifinals

Third seeds Anirudh Chandrasekar and Vijay Sundar Prashanth were beaten 7-5, 6-3 by alternate entrants Jan Choinski and Stuart Parker of Britain in the doubles semifinals of the $40,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Nonthaburi, Thailand, on Friday.

Other results: $25,000 ITF men, Doha: Doubles: Final: Dax Donders & Sidane Pontjodikroo (Ned) bt Parikshit Somani & Khumoyun Sultanov (Uzb) 3-6, 7-5, [10-2; Semifinals: Parikshit & Khumoyun w.o. Jaimee Floyd Angele (Fra) & Elliot Benchetrit (Mar).
$15,000 ITF men, Jakarta: Quarterfinals: Sidharth Rawat bt Niki Poonacha 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.
Doubles: Semifinals: Nathan Anthony Barki & Christopher Rungkat (Ina) bt Ishaque Eqbal & Karan Singh 7-5, 3-6, 10-3.

Dani Alves arrested in Spain for alleged sexual assault

Brazil footballer Dani Alves was arrested on Friday after being accused of sexually assaulting a woman on December 31 at a night club in Barcelona. Police have not revealed details of the case. The 39-year-old Alves has played for elite clubs, including Barcelona, Juventus and PSG and is currently with Mexican club Pumas.

LIVE TELECAST

Australian Open: Sony Sports Ten 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8.30 a.m.

India vs New Zealand: 2nd ODI, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.30 p.m.

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6, 8.30 & 11 p.m.

Women's T20I tri-series: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 p.m.

ISL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 p.m.

Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.15 a.m. (Sunday)

LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Sachin Baby, Vathsal Govind stonewall Karnataka

The former makes the most of a let-off by Shubhang Hedge after the home side was reduced to 31 for three with Gowtham striking early

RANJI TROPHY

M.R. Praveen Chandran
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala grinded out a draw against Karnataka in the sixth round of the Ranji Trophy cricket tournament at the KCA-St.Xavier's College ground here on Friday.

After conceding a first innings lead of 143, Kerala slumped to 31 for three as off-spinner K. Gowtham removed opener P. Rahul (15) and the reliable Rohan Prem (14) in quick succession. The surface offered enough help for the spinners and Kerala would have been in deep trouble if Shubhang Hedge at mid-on had held on to regulation catch offered by Sachin Baby, on nine, off Shreyas Gopal.

Baby made the visitors pay dearly for the reprieve as he again played a match-saving innings (37 not out) and added 55 runs with Vathsal Govind for the fourth wicket which thwarted Karnataka's victory bid.

Gowthan struck at stroke of tea by dismissing Vathsal (26) caught by Siddharth at gully but Salman Nizar (4 not out) and Baby played out 10 overs after tea without much difficulty before the Karnataka captain Mayank Agarwal agreed for a draw.

Earlier, the overnight pair of B.R. Sharath and Hegde didn't show any urgency to force the pace. Sharath, after completing his fifty, slashed at a wide delivery from M.D. Nidheesh and was caught behind by wicketkeeper P. Rahul for 53.

Vaisakh Chandran gave Kerala some lift by cleaning up Gowtham cheaply. But V. Vysakh joined Hedge and the pair pinched singles and scored odd boundaries to add 53 for the ninth wicket.

Hedge completed his fifty and Karnataka declared the innings after Vysakh (17) was bowled by Sijomon.

Mayank, named player-of-the-match, said the wicket was challenging to bat on and his gameplan was to stay in the middle and punish the loose balls.

"Kerala bowled very well and it was not an easy wicket to play shots especially for a newcomer. The way Sachin Baby batted in the first innings gave us a fair idea of how to bat on this wicket. I had to work hard for my runs and I chose the right balls to hit.

"As a team we are happy with the way we are playing at the moment. We had our chances after we reduced them to 31 for three if we had taken Sachin's catch things would have been different. Overall it was a good performance from us," he said.

Kerala coach Tinu Yohannan said he was proud of the way his team fought back after being reduced to six for three.

Unplayable: K. Gowtham played his part to push Karnataka towards victory by claiming three early wickets. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The scores:
Kerala —1st innings: 342.
Karnataka —1st innings: R. Samarth b Vaisakh 0, Mayank Agarwal c Vathsal b Vaisakh 208, Devdutt Padikaal b Nidheesh 29, S.J. Nikin Jose c Shoun b Akshay 54, Manish Pandey c Shoun b Jalaj 0, Shreyas Gopal c Vathsal b Jalaj 48, B.R. Sharath c Rahul b Nidheesh 53, Shubhang Hedge (not out) 50, K. Gowtham b Vaisakh 1, V. Vysakh b Sijomon 17, V. Koushik (not out) 0; Extras: (b-17, 1b- 3, w2, nb- 3): 25; Total (for nine wkts decl. in 163.1 overs): 485.
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-91, 3-242, 4-243, 5-336, 6-378, 7-427, 8-430, 9-483
Kerala bowling: Vaisakh 43-6-117-3, Nidheesh 36-6-102-2, Jalaj 35-2-124-2, Sijomon 31.1 -3-90-1, Akshay 18-2-32-1.
Kerala —2nd innings: P .Rahul c Padikkal b Gowtham 15, Rohan Kunnummal c (sub)Siddharth b Vysakh 0, Roham Prem c Padikkal b Gowtham 14, Sachhin Baby (not out) 37, Vathsal Govind c (sub) Siddharth b Gowtham 26, Salman Nizar (not out) 4; Total (for four wkts. in 51 overs): 96.
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-26, 3-31, 4-86.
Karnataka bowling: Koushik 3-3-0-0, Vysakh 7-4-19-1, Gowtham 22-7-35-3, Gopal 15-3-30-0, Hegde 4-0-12-0.

RANJI TROPHY SCORES

Elite (Round six, final day):
Group A: Bengal 419 bt Haryana 163 & 206 in 79 overs (Chaitanya Bishnoi 55, Yuvraj Singh 78, Akash Deep 5/51). **Points: Bengal 7 (32), Haryana 0 (12).**
Baroda 86 & 336/7 in 102 overs (Vishnu Solanki 79, Shashwat Rawat 89) drew with Uttarakhand 199. **Uttarakhand 3 (26), Baroda 1 (14).**
Odisha 226 & 335/4 decl. in 96 overs (Anurag Sarangi 91, Subhranshu Senapati 145, Govinda Poddar 53 n.o.) drew with Uttar Pradesh 362. **U.P. 3 (12), Odisha 1 (8).**
Himachal Pradesh 346 & 263/3 decl. drew with Nagaland 233 & 31/4 in 17 overs. **HP 3 (20), Nagaland 1 (2).**
Group B: Andhra 415 & 164/7 decl. bt Saurashtra 237 & 192 in 56.2 overs (Cheteshwar Pujara 91, Lalith Mohan 6/58). **Andhra 6 (19), Saurashtra 0 (26).**
Tamil Nadu 540 bt Assam 266 & 204 in 88.1 overs (Rahul Hazarika 40, Rishav Das 58, S. Ajith Ram 5/70). **TN 7 (15), Assam 0 (11).**
Mumbai 293 & 170 in 60.5 overs (Ajinkya Rahane 51, Tanush Kotian 50 n.o., Divij Mehra 5/30) lost to Delhi 369 & 97/2 in 15.3 overs. **Delhi 6 (11), Mumbai 0 (23).**
Group C: Services 175 & 304 in 91 overs (Shubham Rohilla 52, Ravi Chauhan 139, Vijesh Prabhudessai 4/57, Darshan Misal 5/70) lost to Goa 483/9 decl. **Goa 7 (18), Services 0 (7).**
Pondicherry 231 & 250 in 84.5 overs (K.B. Arun Karthik 82 n.o.) lost to Jharkhand 412 & 73/0 in 26.2 overs. **Jharkhand 7 (23), Pondicherry 0 (6).**
Kerala 342 & 96/4 in 51 overs drew with Karnataka 485/9 decl. in 163.1 overs (Mayank Agarwal 208, Nikin Jose 54, Shreyas Gopal 48, B.R. Sharath 53, Shubhang Hegde 50 n.o.). **Karnataka 3 (29), Kerala 1 (20).**
Rajasthan 360 & 268/3 decl. bt Chhattisgarh 199 & 262 in 83.4 overs (Anuj Tiwary 51, Shashank Singh 51, Sumit Ruikar 47, Manav Suthar 6/116). **Rajasthan 6 (20), Chhattisgarh 0 (13).**
Group D: Jammu & Kashmir 446/6 decl. drew with Tripura 76/4 in 37 overs. **Tripura 1 (8), J&K 1 (7).**
Railways 386 & 71/1 in 17 overs drew with Chandigarh 485/8 decl. in 149 overs (Manan Vohra 126, Kunal Mahajan 83, Gaurav Puri 102 n.o., Gurinder Singh 42, Shresth Nirmohi 52 n.o.). **Chandigarh 3 (6), Railways 1 (15).**
Plate: Semifinals: Bihar 428 & 164 bt Meghalaya 134 & 156 in 47.1 overs (Ashutosh Aman 4/35).
Sikkim 229 & 273 lost to Manipur 166 & 340/8 in 96.3 overs (Bikash Singh 64, Langlonyamba Meitan Keishangbam 52, Basir Rahman 75, Ahmed Shah 43 n.o., Sumit Singh 6/60).

Australian track star Bol fails drugs test

Agence France-Presse
MELBOURNE

Australian Olympic 800m runner Peter Bol was provisionally suspended on Friday after failing an out-of-competition drugs test. Bol, who finished fourth at the Tokyo Olympics, returned the positive result on January 10.

The test was carried out in October.

Athletics Australia chief Peter Bromley said Bol's A sample showed an Adverse Analytical Finding for performance-enhancing Erythropoietin Receptor Agonists.

"There are procedural fairness and investigative considerations that constrain how much we can say," Bromley said.

N R I Superpower should come good in feature event

HYDERABAD: Trainer R.H. Sequeira's filly N R I Superpower, who ran third in the Golconda Oaks, should make amends in the T. Chandrasekhar Reddy Memorial Cup, the chief event of Saturday's (Jan. 21) races.

1 KHAMMAM PLATE (1,200m) (Terms), 3-y-o only, 1.10 p.m.: 1. Huntingdon (3) Afroz Khan 56, 2. Great Giver (8) Surya Prakash 52, 3. Eminency (6) B. Nikhil 50.5, 4. Golden Gazelle (5) Ashad Asbar 50.5, 5. Miracle Mary (4) Abhay Singh 50.5, 6. Miss Maya (2) Akshay Kumar 50.5, 7. Nkalanzinzi (7) D.S. Deora 50.5 and 8. The Platinum Queen (1) G. Naresh 50.5.
1. MISS MAYA, 2. HUNTINGDON, 3. EMINENCY

2 INDIAN NAVY ROLLING CHALLENGE TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 1.40: 1. Bangor On Dee (4) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Star Racer (8) Kuldeep S 57, 3. Above The Law (3) Ajay Kumar 55.5, 4. Stag's Leap (2) D.S. Deora 55.5, 5. Top Diamond (5) Santosh Raj 55.5, 6. Ice Berry (7) Md. Ekram Alam 55, 7. Malibu (6) Afroz Khan 55 and 8. Classy Dame (1) Nakhat Singh 54.
1. BANGOR ON DEE, 2. STAG'S LEAP, 3. MALIBU

3 YADADRI PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.15: 1. Silk (2) Sonu Kumar 60, 2. It's On (7) D.S. Deora 56, 3. Lights On (1) Md. Ekram Alam 54, 4. Pedro Planet (5) Rafique Sk. 53, 5. Double Bonanza (3) Kuldeep S 52.5, 6. Park Lane (6) Md. Ismail 51, 7. Shazia (8) Surya Prakash 51 and 8. Eastern Blaze (4) B. Nikhil 50.5.
1. IT'S ON, 2. SILK, 3. LIGHTS ON

4 YADADRI PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.45: 1. Stay Smart (2) Shivansh 60, 2. Deccan Ranger (5) Afroz Khan 55, 3. Euphoria (3) D.S. Deora 54, 4. London Bell (1) Surya Prakash 53.5, 5. Protocol (7) Md. Ismail 53, 6. Jet Falcon (4) B. Nikhil 52, 7. Apex Star (6) G. Naresh 51.5 and 8. Creative Art (8) Santosh Raj 51.5.
1. STAY SMART, 2. DECCAN RANGER, 3. EUPHORIA

5 JANGAON PLATE (1,200m), rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 3.15: 1. Pancho (4) Shivansh 60, 2. Saint Emilion (1) B. Nikhil 60, 3. Sporting Smile (5) R.S. Jodha 60, 4. Blue Label (8) Surya Prakash 59.5, 5. Paree (3) Sonu Kumar 55, 6. Red River (2) Md. Ekram Alam 55, 7. Alina (7) Aneel 54.5 and 8. Lifetime (6) Kuldeep S 50.
1. PAREE, 2. PANCHO, 3. SAINT EMILION

6 T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (2,400m), rated 80 and above (Cat. I), 3.45: 1. Top Secret (3) D.S. Deora 62, 2. Kesariya Balam (5) Sonu Kumar 56, 3. Super Angel (1) Abhay Singh 55.5, 4. N R I Superpower (2) Akshay Kumar 52.5, 5. N R I Sun (6) Afroz Khan 50 and 6. Yesterday (4) P. Ajeeth Kumar 50.
1. N R I SUPERPOWER, 2. YESTERDAY

7 SURYAPET PLATE (2,000m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4.15: 1. Carnival Lady (8) Gaurav Singh 60, 2. Exclusive Spark (4) Md. Ismail 60, 3. Hero Of The East (7) Akshay Kumar 57, 4. Forever Bond (3) Surya Prakash 53.5, 5. I Am Superman (6) B. Nikhil 53.5, 6. My Marvel (5) Afroz Khan 52, 7. My Way Or Highway (1) Ajay Kumar 51.5 and 8. Voice Of A Dream (2) P. Ajeeth Kumar 51.
1. HERO OF THE EAST, 2. EXCLUSIVE SPARK, 3. CARNIVAL LADY
Day's Best: **N R I SUPERPOWER**
Jackpot: 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7.
Mini Jackpot: (i) 1, 2, 3 & 4. (ii) 4, 5, 6 & 7.
Treble: (i) 2, 3 & 4. (ii) 5, 6 & 7.
Tanala: All races.

Pole positions for Sohil and Sandeep Kumar

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Sohil Shah qualified for pole position in the MRF Formula 2000 category as the third and penultimate round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship 2022 commenced at the Madras International Circuit here on Friday.

In the only other qualifying session, for the Volkswagen Polo Cup, defending champion Sandeep Kumar grabbed the pole position to complete a fine day as he was also quickest in the free practice session for the touring cars category (Indian Touring Cars), earlier in the day.

Speedy run: Sohil Shah in action during qualification on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The results (qualifying – top 3): MRF F2000: 1. Sohil Shah (1min, 31.910sec); 2. Mohamed Ryan (01:32.062); 3. Sai Sanjay T (01:32.404);
Volkswagen Polo Cup: 1. Sandeep Kumar (1:55.729); 2. Pratik Sonawane (1;56.376); 3. Jeet Jabakh (1:56.630).

Amanjot, Deepti help India beat SA

TRI-SERIES

Press Trust of India
EAST LONDON

Debutant Amanjot Kaur came up with a matured unbeaten 41 (30 balls) as India fought back from a wobbly situation to post a 27-run win over South Africa in the women's T20I Tri-Series opener on Thursday.

India put up a challenging 147 for six before Deepti's three for 30 restricted the host to 120 for nine. India plays West Indies on Monday.

The scores: India 147/6 in 20 overs (Yastika Bhatia 35, Deepti Sharma 33, Amanjot Kaur 41 n.o.) bt South Africa 120/9 in 20 overs (Sune Luus 29, Chloe Tryon 26; Deepti 3/30).

City stays on Arsenal's coattails with comeback win against Tottenham

PREMIER LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
MANCHESTER

Manchester City produced a stunning second half comeback to beat Tottenham 4-2 and prevent a potential fatal blow to its Premier League title defence on Thursday. Two goals in three minutes just before half-time from Dejan Kulusevski and Emerson Royal saw City staring down the barrel of a second consecutive defeat.

But Julian Alvarez, Erling Haaland and Riyad Mahrez struck in a 12-minute period early in the second period before Mahrez added his second late on to move Pep Guardiola's men to within five points of leader Arsenal, which has a game in hand.

A third defeat in four league games leaves Tottenham still five points adrift of the top four.

Guardiola's team selection was initially questioned after he made five changes from the side that lost 2-1 to Manchester United. Kevin De Bruyne and Bernardo Silva were among the star names dropped to the bench as Alvarez was paired alongside Haaland in a change of system.

Dinked finish: Mahrez scores City's fourth goal past Lloris. REUTERS

The result: Manchester City 4 (Alvarez 51, Haaland 53, Mahrez 63, 90) bt Tottenham 2 (Kulusevski 44, Emerson 45+2).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Junior National basketball from today

The top 16 States, which qualified for the main draw through the new zonal league, will compete in the 72nd junior National basketball championship (boys and girls), that commences at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Saturday.

The teams have been placed in four groups and the top two from each group will qualify for the quarterfinal round. The final will be held on January 27.

Ajay hits unbeaten ton

Ajay Patel's unbeaten 128 was instrumental in Wadiyar CC's five-wicket win over Sangam CA in the KSCA (Group I) fourth division league.

The scores: Merchant CC (1) 219 in 47.3 overs (Rushi B. Shetty 55, Skanda Sharma 69, Prathamesh R. Salunke 3/27, George Fernandis 3/31) lost to Sparklers CC 220/5 in 34.2 overs (R. Chethan Kumar 56, B. Vijay Prakash 31, Raju 61 n.o.).
Star SC, Nelamangala 96 in 26 overs (Benedict Raj Badiger 3/31, Rahil Firoz Chagani 4/18) lost to Vikram CC 99/4 in 17.4 overs (Benedict Raj Badiger 38).
Sangam CA 249 in 49.2 overs (Mithun S. Patil 49, S. Gourav 38, K. Lakshmi Sagar 49, Mohammed Ajmal 4/54) lost to Wadiyar CC 251/5 in 43 overs (Ajay Patel 128 n.o., Asgar Pasha 60 n.o.).
Ranji CC 233 in 49.4 overs (C.K. Manish 49, R. Anand Kumar 33, Praveen 42, S. Ashwin Ram 4/41) lost to Vijaya CC, Malur 236/6 in 33.1 overs (K.A. Vijay 70, Vedanth Iyer 33, Aryan Mawa 27, Mit Daxesh Patwa 37).
Elite Blues CC 220/7 in 50 overs (G. Madhu 32, Ajay G. Suresh 26, Sangam Kasetty 28, N. Muniraj 61 n.o.) lost to Freelancers CC 223/7 in 45.4 overs (Koushik Hegde 26, M. Samarasimha Reddy 51, Omprakash Aglecha 78 n.o.).
Palar SC, Kolar 281/9 in 50 overs (Ajay R. Sainis 73, Rahul Kasindhuni 28, Asit Kumar 103) bt BEL Colony RC 229 in 44.3 overs (Rohan Desai 76, Mohangouda 59, Atharv Shukla 32, S. Saravanan 3/49).
National United CC 218 in 47.4 overs (Deepak Ugrappa 27, B.J. Sharath 36, K.A. Aries 32 n.o., Vikram Ananth 4/44) lost to Standard CC 222/5 in 33.2 overs (K.C. Kishan 103, V. Anoop Gandhi 74).
Young Pioneer CC 160 in 49 overs (Deepak Shridhar 31, B.R. Sunil Kumar 55, Anand Arun Pillai 3/19) lost to Friends XI CC, Doddaballapura 161/5 in 36 overs (Raghuveer Rajpurohit 62).
South End SC 271/9 in 50 overs (K. Mahesh 41, G. Pradeep 83 n.o., Vivek 77) bt IISC Gymkhana 138 in 34.5 overs (C.V. Praneeth 31, Debarshi Ghosh 38 n.o., Sunil Singh 5/43).
Whirlwind Cricketers 306/9 in 50 overs (C. Himanshoo Reddy 43, C.R. Kumarswamy 95, Shreyank Sagar 61, Kushal R. Katara 27 n.o., Ramning Patil 5/43, N. Raghavendra 3/22) bt Select Cricketers 233 in 43.2 overs (Tejas Muralidhara 38, Arjun Dev Nagendra 57, N. Raghavendra 49, S. Arvind 3/31).
Bharath CC 191 in 43.2 overs (Manish Narayanan 74, R. Manohar 35, Raghavendra M. Balgi 27, C.V. Veeresh Kumar 3/43) bt Duleep Cricketers 165 in 42.4 overs (Naveen Shankara 47, H.R. Siddesh 47 n.o., M. Guru Prasad 3/16).
Minerva CC 262/9 in 50 overs (Darshan B.R. Krishna 25, Revanth Bairy 121, Varun P. Annadani 50 n.o., K.P. Mahesh 4/41, Prakash Chennaiah 3/43) bt Jayanagar Colts 99 in 29 overs (Nagesh V. Rao 39, K.P. Bhargav 3/9).

Blitz, Sree Gajanana FC in goalless draw

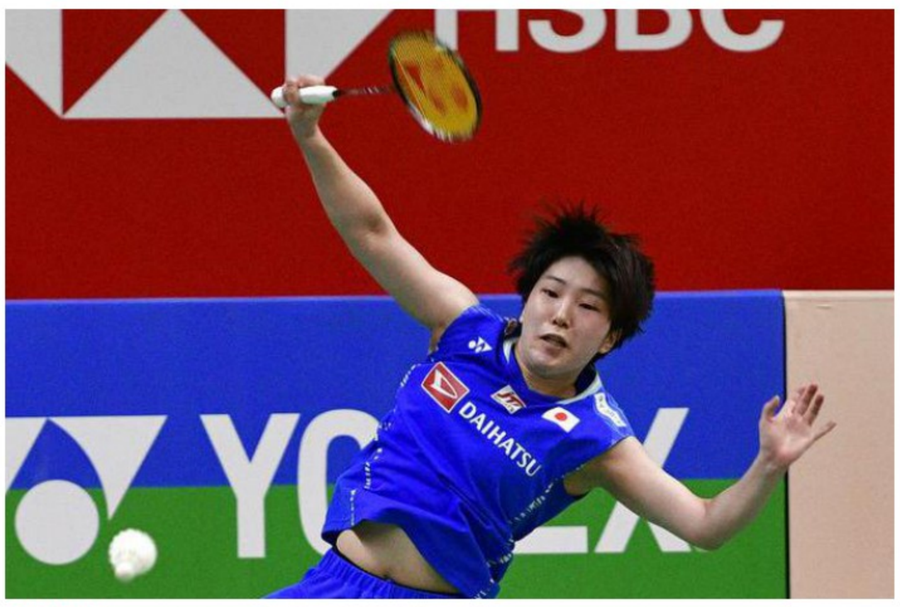
Blitz FC and Sree Gajanana FC played out a goalless draw in the BDFA A-division football league here on Friday. The day's other match between HAL FC and South United FC also ended with the same scoreline.

Yamaguchi overcomes Marin to make the semifinals

Axelsen, who advanced to the last four after Gemke retired with an injury, will play Christie for a place in the summit clash; Vitidsarn shocks men's third seed Yew

INDIA OPEN

Kamesh Srinivasan
NEW DELHI



Class Act: Yamaguchi showcased her prowess while surmounting Marin's challenge. R.V. MOORTHY

World No.1 Akane Yamaguchi asserted her class with a 21-17, 14-21, 21-9 win over three-time World Champion and Rio Olympics gold medallist Carolina Marin in the women's quarterfinals of the $900,000 Yonex Sunrise India Open badminton championship, at the K.D. Jadhav Hall of the Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex, on Friday.

The winner of the last two Worlds and the reigning All England champion, Yamaguchi handled the match with great poise, especially in the decider when she dropped only six points at the change of side, and only three more thereafter to a player who had held the No.1 spot for 66 weeks.

Class act

Marin was a class act in the second game when she controlled the flow of the contest with flair and firepower, moving with her usual energy and unleashing strokes with accuracy and imagination.

What stood out for Yamaguchi was the manner in which she made Marin work for the points in the third game and literally ran her to the ground eventually. From 14-9 in the third game, Yamaguchi sailed through unchallenged, closing out the match with her trademark deft drop.

The Japanese showed that she could accelerate with a higher gear whenever she wanted.

Supanida makes it

In the semifinals, Yamaguchi will play Supanida Katethong of Thailand who got a walkover from third seed Chen Yu Fei.

The Tokyo Olympic champion, who had outplayed Saina Nehwal in the second round, had taken ill and was unable to get on the court.

The other semifinal will be between second seed An Se Young of Korea and fourth seed He Being Jiao of China.

The top seed in the men's section, Viktor Axelsen did not have to go through a tough grind.

In fact, it was disappointing for the fans as Axelsen's opponent and fellow Dane Rasmus Gemke, the man who had edged out Lakshya Sen, retired at 8-16, with a leg injury.

Saving match points

Axelsen will play Jonatan Christie who saved two match points to beat Chou Tien Chen 22-20 in the third game.

Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand shocked third seed Loh Kena Yew of Singapore with surprising ease at 21-12, 21-17, to set up a semifinal against sixth seed Anthony Sinisuka Ginting who played brilliantly at the crunch against Li Shi Feng of China.

The results (quarterfinals):
Men: Viktor Axelsen (Den) bt Rasmus Gemke (Den) 16-8 (retd.); Jonatan Christie (Ina) bt Chou Tien Chen (Tpe) 21-15, 13-21, 22-20; Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Tha) bt Loh Kean Yew (Sgp) 21-12, 21-17; Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (Ina) bt Li Shi Feng (Chn) 21-11, 17-21, 21-18.
Women: Akane Yamaguchi (Jpn) bt Carolina Marin (Esp) 21-17, 14-21, 21-9; Supanida Katethong (Tha) w/o Chen Yu Fei (Chn); He Bing Jiao (Chn) bt Beiwen Zhang (USSA) 21-13, 21-19; An Sse Young (Kor) bt Pompawee Chochuwong (Tha) 21-14, 21-14.

Kookaburras don jersey that celebrates Australia's indigenous people

HOCKEY

Y.B. Sarangi
ROURKELA

The Australian hockey team's 'alternate' orange-and black uniform, highlighting the 'Aborigines' theme, in its match against South Africa here on Friday was a pleasant change for many hockey lovers.

"The significance of the jersey is that it is a special indigenous one that celebrates and acknowledges Australia's first people, the Aborigines," said Hockey Australia communications manager Nic Kerber in an email response to *The Hindu's* query about the jersey. Australian captain Eddie Ockenden also endorsed the theme of the jersey.

Paying tribute: Australia's 'alternate' jersey highlights the heritage of the indigenous people of the country. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Here's an explanation of the design elements on the jersey which was painted by Aboriginal artists:

While the top left circle represents the women's hockey team (Hockeyroos), the circle on the right represents the men's team (Kookaburras).

The symbols around the circle represent the females and males and the straight lines represent the hockey sticks.

Underneath these circles are smaller circles. These circles represent the grassroots clubs and the junior players that are up and coming. Between the circles are pathways, these pathways show how the Australian players came from the junior ranks to become Olympics and world champions.

The pathways, leading into their respective teams, show the final journey of becoming a national representative.

The hills on the bottom are the Darling Ranges. The Darling Range in Whadjuk Boodja is known to be the Waagyl (Rainbow Serpent) which is said to be the creator of Perth and lies dormant, watching over the Whadjuk people.

East Bengal no match for Hyderabad FC

ISL-9

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Hyderabad FC performed on the expected lines to outclass the home side East Bengal 2-0 in a match-week 16 fixture of ISL-9 at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Friday.

Javier Siverio put Hyderabad in the lead early in the opening session before Aaren D'Silva, who arrived in the final minute of the regulation time, found the insurance goal in the injury time.

Hyderabad FC tallied 35 points after the win and continued to remain in the second spot, four points behind the current League leader Mumbai City FC.

Sealing it: D'Silva slotting in Hyderabad's second goal. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

Hyderabad FC made its intentions clear from the very start and found the goal in the ninth minute off a spectacular finish from Siverio. Mohammad Yasir made a fine interception and released Borja Herrera on the left. The Spanish midfielder sent a nice cross for his compatriot positioned on the East Bengal goalmouth. Siverio made a perfect jump to head it on the back post for a nice goal. Hyderabad earned a few more chances but Kamaljit Singh kept the East Bengal citadel safe from suffering further damage.

East Bengal came alive after the break and began searching for attack routes.

With Hyderabad sitting complacently on a lone-goal lead, East Bengal could have fetched the equaliser in the 68th minute but for the former's goalkeeper Gurmeet Singh who saved a fine effort from the latter's Brazilian striker Cleiton Silva.

Finally, it was for the substitute Aaren D'Silva to take the match away from East Bengal.

The result: East Bengal 0 lost to Hyderabad FC 2 (Javier Siverio 9, Aaren D'Silva 90+3).

Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
KNNL,Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division,Shikaripura.
Tender Notification- 50/2022-23 Date: 19-01-2023
(E- Procurement System only)

Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.T.P.P Act- 2000 on behalf of Managing Director KNNL Bangalore from eligible contractors in standard K/W Bid document. Contractors has registered in PWD Department such as **KPWD Class-III & Above**. The tenderers are required to submit tenders only through E-procurement portal of Govt of Karnataka (**http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**).
Construction of Samudhaya Bhavana works in Soraba Taluk, Shivamogga District for 05 Works **(Sl No. 05 work for SC category contractors only)** of **Amount put to tender Rs. 99.95 lakhs to Rs. 34.92 Lakhs** and **EMD Rs. 2.00 lakhs to Rs. 0.35 Lakhs.**
(1) Date of downloading & submission of tender (through e-procurement) will be on **20.01.2023 to 30-01-2023 up to 4.30 PM (2)** Last date and time for tender queries will be on **27.01.2023 up to 5.30 PM (3)** Opening of technical bid will be on **31.01.2023 @ 5.00 PM (4)** Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid.
For more details visit website from date-**20-01-2023** at **(http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)**. or undersigned in all working days during office hours.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer.
DIPR/SMG/No.143/ZENKAR/2022-23 **KNNL, DRP Division, Shikaripura**

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division,
Mandya division, Mandya-571401. Email: eemimandya@gmail.com
No.EE/Mandya/Tec Sec/Notification /2022-23/1551 Date :18.01.2023
Tender Extension Notification-1 Date : 18-01-2023

Subject : This office tender notification No : 09/2022-23, Date : 23-12-2022
With reference to the above subject, tenders were invited vide This office tender notification No : 09/2022-23, Date : 23-12-2022 for 04 No's works under different H/A In the above said notification. Under Head of Account 4702- LIS – 02 No's works were invited in which Sl.No: 2 work has been postponed as under due to technical reasons and published.

Sl No	Subject	As Mentioned previously	Extended Dated
1	Information regarding tender will be available at this office	11.01.2023 office hours	01.02.2023 office hours
2	Last date of receipt of tender in e-procurement	13.01.2023 17.00 hours	03.02.2023 18.00 hours
3	Date of opening of Financial Bid	16.01.2023 11.00 hours	06.02.2023 11.00 hours
4	Dated of opening of Financial Bid	18.01.2023 11.00 hours	08.02.2023 11.00 hours

There will be no changes in the original tender notification and all the information regarding work is published in the "www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in" tender Portal special Note: Any corrections regarding this tender notification will be published only in the "e-Procurement" portal.
DIPR/AD-MDY/MC&A/554(A)/2022-23 **Sd/-Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division, Mandya.**

Government of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT DIVISION KALABURGI
No:EE/RDP/DK/TS/Tender/ PMGSY /2022-23/932 Date: 18-01-2023
SHORT TIME E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
Two Cover System
Ref : No:EE/RDP/DK/TS/Tender/ PMGSY /2022-23/906 Date: 10-01-2023
Due To Technical reason the above tender has been postponed and revised tender schedule is as bellow :
Calendar Of Tendering Events are As Fallows :
1) Name Of Work: **Construction of long span Bridge At Ch:- 3.90KM in SH-10 to MDR via Tottanalli in Sedam Taluka Kalaburagi District under PMGSY 2020-21 INDENT No: KRRDA/2022-23/BG/WORK_INDENT5551,** 2) Head Of Account: PMGSY 2020-21, 3) Amount Put to Tender: **Rs. 109221162.64,** 4) Class of Contractor: Class-I and Above, 5) Last Date For Online Submission Of Technical And Financial Bid : **27-01-2023 Up to 4.30PM**, 6) Opening of Technical Bid: **30-01-2023 11.00 AM**, 7) Opening of Financial Bid : After Completing Technical Bid Evaluation, 8) Office E-mail Address: kn-gul-1@pmgsy.nic.in
All the conditions remain same and for further information **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** site can be visited
DIP/Kalaburagi/1138/MC&A/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**
RD PRE Project Division Kalaburgi

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division,
3rd Main, 1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavan,
Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040.
No: EE(VJN)/AE/TEND/21/2022-23 Date: 20.01.2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Single Cover System) - KW-1 & 2
(Only Through GOK e-Procurement Portal)

The Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites Tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations for the Constructions of work detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of Work/Category	Appx value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs.)
1	Construction of Compound wall to Burial Ground near Rajkumar Road in Ward No. 161 Attiguppe. **(Others)**	**25.00**	50,000/-
2	Improvements to footpath in Veerabhadra nagar in Ward No. 163. **(SC)**	**30.00**	30,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal of GOK from: **27.01.2023** (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal **on or before 4.00 P.M on 10.02.2023 (3)** Financial Bids will be opened on : **13.02.2023 at 4.30 P.M.**
Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or visit e-Procurement portal website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Vijayanagar Division, BBMP

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: EE(E)/TL&SS/DBP/AEE/AE/2022-23/2686 Date: 18.01.2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites following office tender pertaining to Transmission Lines and Substation Division, Doddaballapura.
(1) Arresting of oil leakage at HV side inspection covers, oil leakage at LV bushings, HV bushings etc., at 66/11kV S/s Pillagumpa in TL&SS Division, BIAL BEGUR. (2) Stationary books for FY-22-23, to various sub stations in TL&SS Division, BIAL BEGUR. (3) For SF6 gas leakage arrest & Overhauling of 66KV Circuit breaker (ABB Make) of Hoody-Hoskote incoming line 66/11kV S/s Hosakote, in TL&SS Division BIAL Begur. (4) For Overhauling of 66KV Circuit breaker (Siemens Make) of DG-4 Vidyanagar outgoing line 220/66/11KV R/s Ekarajapura, in TL&SS Division BIAL Begur. (5) For SF6 gas leakage arrest & Overhauling of 66KV Circuit breaker (Seimens Make) of Bial-Vidhyanagar incoming line 66/11kV S/s Vidhyanagar, in TL&SS Division BIAL Begur. (6) For attending OLTC motor drive for both existing 20MVA Tr-1 & Tr-2 at 66/11KV S/s Nandagudi in TL&SS Division BIAL Begur. (7) Repair of OLTC driving mechanism power TRs-2 at 66/11kV S/s Vatadahosahalli in TL&SS Division, Gowribidanur. (8) Supply of Stationary Books for FY-22-23 to Nodal-1 & 2 in TL&SS Division, Gowribidanur. (9) Supply of T&P furnitures to Nodal-1 center in TL&SS Division, Gowribidanur (10) For replacement of burnt out aluminium moving contact for 66KV earth switch of 66KV earth GOS at 220 NRS R/s, in TL&SS Division, Doddaballapura. (11) For Overhauling of BHEL make OLTC at 220/66KV of CGL Make 100MVA Tr-2 at 220/66KV NRS R/s, in TL&SS Division, Doddaballapura. (12) For Overhauling of BHEL make OLTC at 220/66KV of APEX Make 100MVA Tr-1 at 220/66KV NRS R/s, in TL&SS Division, Doddaballapura. (13) For Stationary books for FY-22-23, to Chikkaballapura Nodal center in TL&SS Division, Doddaballapura. (14) Supply of Insulated rubber mats at 66/11kV Chikkaballapura IA S/s, in TL&SS Division, Doddaballapura. (15) For replacement of analog Ammeters, Wattmeter's & MVAR meters at 66kV lines at 220 NRS R/s, in TL&SS Division, Doddaballapura. (16) For Stationary books for FY-22-23, to KIADB Nodal center in TL&SS Division, Doddaballapura. (17) For of Supply & Retrofitting of numerical relays for 11kv F11, F13 & F25 feeders at 66/11kV S/s Devanahalli, in TL&SS Division Doddaballapura. (18) For refilling of various types of fire extinguishers at 220/66/11KV KIADB, in TL&SS Division, Doddaballapura. Enquiry details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned from **23.01.2023 at 10:00 Hrs onwards.**
Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer(El)
TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Doddaballapura-562163.

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020
No. BDA/EE-South/Work/T-02/2022-23 Date: 18.01.2023
INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDER
(Through GoK e-Procurement platform https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)
Item rate tenders are invited through e-Procurement tendering system for the following works by the Executive Engineer, Bangalore Development Authority South Division on behalf of the Commissioner, BDA, Bengaluru from contractor registered as Class-I Contractors or equivalent KPWD/BDA/NH/MES/Railways.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approx cost put to tender Rs. in lakhs	EMD Rs. in lakhs
1	Detailed estimate for improvements to road and providing basic amenities in 1st, 2nd, 2ndA, 3rd, 3rdA & 4th blocks of Anjanapura Township, BDA, Bengaluru. **Indent No.: BDA/2022-23/RD/Work_Indent1527.**	3117.00	32.00 (Rs. 1.00 lakh will be e-Procurement portal and balance amount is in the form of Bank Guarantee/FDR)
2	Detailed estimate for improvements to road and providing basic amenities in 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th blocks of Anjanapura Township, BDA, Bengaluru. **Indent No.: BDA/2022-23/RD/Work_Indent1538.**	3925.00	40.00 (Rs. 1.00 lakh will be e-Procurement portal and balance amount is in the form of Bank Guarantee/FDR)
3	Detailed estimate for improvements to road and providing basic amenities in 5thG, 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th blocks of Further Extension of Anjanapura Township, BDA, Bengaluru. **Indent No.: BDA/2022-23/RD/Work_Indent1539.**	4144.00	42.00 (Rs. 1.00 lakh will be e-Procurement portal and balance amount is in the form of Bank Guarantee/FDR)
4	Detailed estimate for improvements to road and providing basic amenities in all blocks of J.P. Nagar 8th & 9th Phase layouts, BDA, Bengaluru. **Indent No.: BDA/2022-23/RD/Work_Indent1540.**	2806.00	29.00 (Rs. 1.00 lakh will be e-Procurement portal and balance amount is in the form of Bank Guarantee/FDR)

Tender processing fee in Rs.: **As per e-Procurement portal.** Time for completion: **11 Months (Including Monsoon)** The details of scope of work, Eligiblity Criteria, Qualification information, Quantities etc., required will be as per tender document and published in e-Portal & as per the Table. Following shall be the calendar of tendering: Last date and time for tender queries/ Clarifications: **24.01.2023 at 16.:30 hrs.** Pre-bid meeting to be held on: **25.01.2023 at 11.00 hrs.** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **31.01.2023 at 16.00 hrs.** Date & time for opening of Technical Bid: **01.02.2023 at 17:00 hrs.** Award of successful tenderer: Shall be intimated. Address for Communication.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, South Division, BDA, Bengaluru
BDA/PRO/TN/35/2022-23

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